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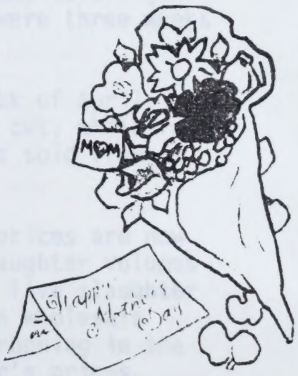

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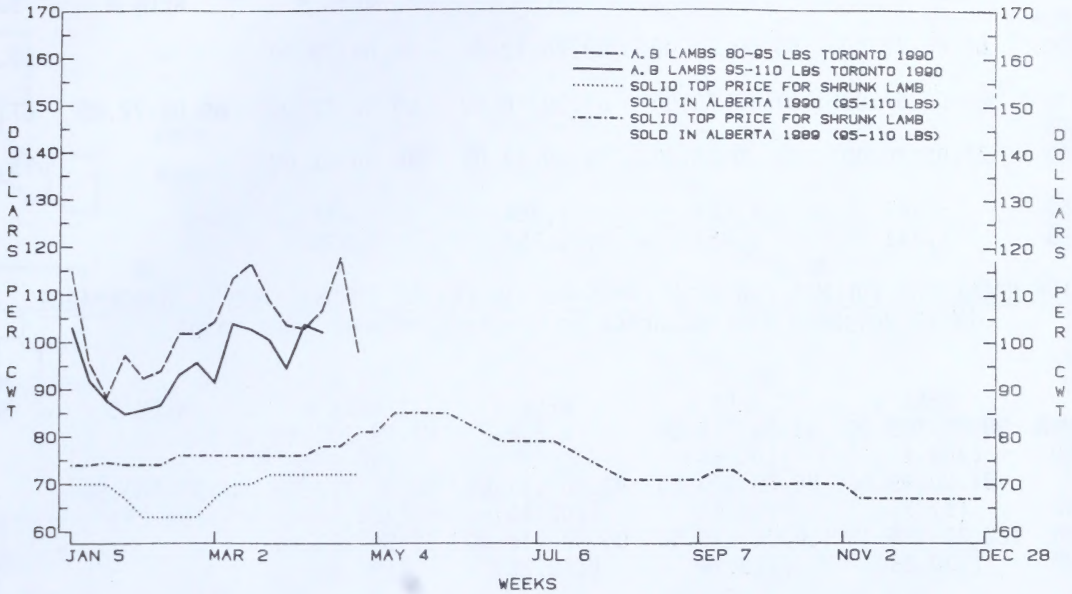
WEEKLY AVERAGE SLAUGHTER LAMB PRICES



NOTE: INSUFFICIENT SALES FOR CERTAIN WEEKS.

The bid range at Lambco, in Innisfail remained steady at $69-$72 per cwt for all of the month of April. Slaughter volumes were higher than in April of last year, since the Easter holidays were three weeks later this year.

At the Edmonton livestock auction in the first week of April, slaughter lambs sold from $62.50 to $71.25 dollars per cwt, while feeder lambs sold from $61.50 to $80.75 per cwt. Easter lambs sold from $106.00 to $117.50 per cwt.

In the United States, post-Easter slaughter lamb prices are now tracking nearly $20 U.S. below last year's levels. Slaughter volumes are running nearly four percent ahead of last year and live slaughter weights continue to average 129 pounds. In the eastern wholesale markets of the United States, lamb carcass prices are running in the $115 U.S. per cwt range, about $35 U.S. under last year's prices.

Shipments of slaughter lambs outside of the province of Alberta have been confined to the Vancouver and Montreal markets with no export opportunities to the United States expected for some time.

Under the National Tripartite Stabilization Program for Lamb, the fourth quarter (December 1989-February 1990) payout was announced at $17.79 per head based on a national support price of $92.33 per head and an average price of $74.54 per head.

PRICE RANGE AND VOLUMES FOR GOOD LAMBS 95-110 LBS AT LAMBCO

	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	MONTHLY SUMMARY
CURRENT MON						
Apr 1990	69.00-72.00	69.00-72.00	69.00-72.00	69.00-72.00		69.00-72.00
LAST MON						
Mar 1990	64.00-67.00	67.00-70.00	67.00-70.00	69.00-72.00	69.00-72.00	67.20-70.20
YR AGO MON						
Apr 1989	73.00-76.00	75.00-78.00	75.00-78.00	78.00-81.00		75.25-78.25
VOLUMES						
Apr 1990	3,397	1,484	1,354	1,491		7,726
Apr 1989	1,341	1,451	1,597	1,625		6,014

PRICE RANGE AND VOLUMES FOR GOOD LAMBS 95-110 LBS AT TORONTO PUBLIC STOCKYARDS
(With Weighted average price in brackets beneath each range)

	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	MONTHLY SUMMARY
CURRENT MON	99.00-109.00	93.00-126.00	N.E.P.	81.00-102.50		
Apr 1990	(103.47)	(101.84)		(90.87)		94.91
LAST MON	81.00-99.00	86.00-126.00	93.00-117.00	92.00-113.00	87.00-100.50	
Mar 1990	(91.31)	(103.64)	(102.49)	(100.36)	(94.29)	100.90
YR AGO MON	122.00-134.00	116.00-120.50	86.00-116.00	90.50-128.00		
Apr 1989	(130.83)	(119.19)	(110.78)	(106.65)		115.00
Apr/90 VOLUMES	22	30		98		150
AVERAGE WEIGHT	102.7	99.7		101.2		

PRICE RANGE AND VOLUMES FOR GOOD LAMBS 80-95 LBS TORONTO PUBLIC STOCKYARDS
(Weighted average price in brackets beneath each range)

	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	MONTHLY SUMMARY
CURRENT MON	89.00-115.00	86.00-125.00	95.00-120.00	93.50-120.00		
Apr 1990	(102.75)	(106.61)	(117.61)	(97.25)		103.47
LAST MON	98.00-116.00	105.00-122.00	90.00-110.00	89.00-110.00		
Mar 1990	(104.28)	(113.34)	(101.74)	(101.75)		108.88
YR AGO MON	129.60-140.00	119.00-139.00	103.00-124.00	115.00-150.00		
Apr 1989	(131.05)	(125.10)	(109.55)	(139.84)		122.49
Apr/90 VOLUMES	115	149	45	164		473
AVERAGE WEIGHT	85.7	86.9	89.7	87.7		

Prices quoted for 95-110 lb lambs are bid prices at Lambco and auction prices at Toronto Public Stockyards for good quality lambs. The lower end of the Alberta price range reflects bids for short haul or unshrunk lambs while the upper end of the range represents bids for long haul or shrunk lambs. Producers delivering to the Toronto Public Stockyards pay commission and yardage fees for each animal sold. Producers delivering to Lambco pay $1/head checkoff to the Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission.

The Toronto auction price is from the Special Sheep and Lamb Sale held on Monday each week.

N.E.P. - No established price

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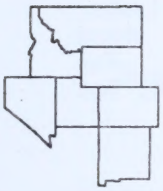
AS OF APRIL 20, 1990

REPRESENTATIVE LIVE SALES



AREA	TYPE OF SHEEP	TYPE OF SALE	HEAD	LBS.	WEIGHING CONDITIONS	PRICE ($/CWT.)
WEST COAST						
California	Spring	Auction	100	90-100	Choice & prime, wooled	60.00-61.00
California	Feeder	Auction	100	50- 65	Choice & fancy, wooled	64.00-66.00
California	Feeder	Auction	100	70- 95	Choice & fancy, wooled	62.00-63.50
MOUNTAIN						
Colorado	Spring	Auction	300	95-105	Choice & prime, wooled	58.50-61.50
Colorado	Old Crop	Auction	100	110-120	Choice & prime, wooled & shorn	49.00-50.00
Colorado	Sl. Ewe	Auction	100		Utility & good, wooled & shorn	20.00-25.50
Colorado	Sl. Ewe	Auction	300		Cull & utility	16.50-18.00
SOUTH CENTRAL						
Oklahoma	Old Crop	Tele-auc.	400	120	30 cents off @ 130 lbs., $2 wooled discount	55.00
Kansas	Spring	Auction	300	101-118	Choice & prime, wooled	57.50-60.25
Texas	Feedlot	Direct	7500	100-120	Guarantee 51% yield, shorn	57.00-58.00
Texas	Feeder	Auction	250	40- 60	New crop, choice & fancy, wooled	68.00-72.00
Texas	Feeder	Auction	600	60- 80	New crop, choice & fancy, wooled	65.00-69.50
Texas	Feeder	Auction	350	80- 85	New crop, choice & fancy, wooled	60.00-64.00
Texas	Feeder	Auction	250	60- 90	Old crop, choice & fancy, wooled & shorn	55.00-62.00
Texas	Feeder	Auction	150	90-100	Old crop, choice & fancy, wooled & shorn	51.00-55.00
Kansas	Feeder	Auction	100	30- 50	New crop, choice & fancy, wooled	63.50-66.50
Kansas	Feeder	Auction	150	50- 70	New crop, choice & fancy, wooled	60.00-64.00
Kansas	Feeder	Auction	150	70-100	New crop, choice & fancy, wooled	57.50-60.50
Texas	Sl. Ewe	Auction	400		Good	35.00-42.00
Texas	Sl. Ewe	Auction	1700		Utility	25.00-35.00
Texas	Sl. Ewe	Auction	300		Cull	15.00-25.00
Kansas	Sl. Ewe	Auction	125		Utility, $3 wooled premium	11.00-18.00
Texas	St. Ewe	Auction	300		Medium & good sold mouths (per head)	42.50-50.00
Texas	St. Ewe	Auction	500		Ewes with lambs (per head)	22.00-36.00
Kansas	St. Ewe	Auction	150		Ewe with lambs (per head)	30.00-32.50
NORTH CENTRAL						
Iowa	Old Crop	Auction	222	139	Choice & prime, No. 1 pelts	50.25
Iowa-S. MN	Old Crop	Direct	1700	115-130	30 cents off over 125-130 lbs., shorn, FOB 4%	52.00-58.00
Iowa-S. MN	Spring	Direct	300	100-115	Choice & prime, shorn, FOB 4% shrink	59.00-62.00
Minnesota	Old Crop	Auction	400	100-120	Choice & prime, $2 wooled discount	52.00-56.00
S. Dakota	Old Crop	Auction	125	100-115	Choice & prime, wooled	54.25-56.85
S. Dakota	Old Crop	Auction	150	120-135	Choice & prime, wooled & shorn	49.50-52.35
Nebraska	Feedlot	Direct	260	140	Chocie & prime, wooled, FOB 4% shrink	52.50
Minnesota	Feeder	Auction	150	60- 90	Choice & fancy, wooled	40.00-50.00
Minnesota	Sl. Ewe	Auction	125		Utility & good	16.00-18.00
Minnesota	Sl. Ewe	Auction	125		Cull & utility	14.00-16.00
S. Dakota	Sl. Ewe	Auction	200		Utility & good	14.25-18.75
S. Dakota	Sl. Ewe	Auction	150		Cull	10.25-14.00
EASTERN						
Penn.	Spring	Auction	300	60-110	Choice & prime, wooled	80.00-90.00
Penn.	Old Crop	Auction	200	80-110	Choice & prime, wooled	70.00-75.00
Virginia	Old Crop	Auction	150	95-125	Choice & prime, wooled	55.00-64.00

Coming Events

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May 24	North-Central Sheep Sales. Fat and Feeder Lambs. Edmonton Public Stockyards. Deadline for sheep deliveries at all sales is 9:00 A.M. For additional information contact Bruce McGhan, Box 739, Calmar, TOC OVO, phone 985-3744.
May 26	Monthly Sheep and Goat Sale at Camrose Auction Market, 672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. For further information contact S. Spahic, Box 89, Hay Lakes, TOB 1WO, phone 878-3784.
May 29	Attention all Camrose area sheep producers. A meeting will be held tonight in the Camrose Agriculture office starting at 7:30 P.M. The topic of the talk will be sheep marketing, speaker TBA. For further information contact Michelle at 679-1210 or Wray at 427-5083.
June 2-3	Foothills 4-H Sheep Club would like to to invite everyone to the Annual 4-H On Parade. The show is June 2nd with the sale on June 3rd. This is a great opportunity to pick up A1 market lambs and top breeding ewe lambs. For more information, call Joanne at 684-3750 (evenings), Blackie or Lorraine at 938-2801, Okotoks.
June 13-15	Stock Dog Clinic. Lloydminster Exhibition Grounds. Dale Montgomery, Instructor. $75.00 registration to Sheila Bertrand, Box 372, Paradise Hill, Saskatchewan, SOM 2GO or call 306-344-4576.
June 14-16	1990 All-Canada Sheep Classic. Canada's elite ram and ewe sale will, for the first time, be staged on the West Coast. This annual event, sponsored by the Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association, will be held at Central Fraser Valley Exhibition Park, Clearbrook, British Columbia. Contact Terry Thorne, Publicity (604) 888-2313 or Jan Tuytel, Chairman (604) 530-0148, 1990 All-Canada Sheep Classic, 23336 52nd Avenue, R R #13, Langley, B.C., Canada V3A 7N6.

June 16	Lower Mainland Sheep Producers Association Annual Sheep and Wool Fair. Matsqui Fairgrounds. 11:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. Sheep Shearing Competition. Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd as well as Best Presented Fleece. All competitors must be paid up and registered by May 15, 1990 or they will not be permitted to participate. Entry fee - $5.00. For questions regarding the shearing competition call Diane 604-467-0280 or write D. Cougar, 10911 - 248th Street, R R #1, Maple Ridge, B.C. V3X 7E6.
June 26	Attention all Camrose area sheep producers. A meeting will be held tonight in the Camrose Agriculture office starting at 7:30 P.M. The topic of the talk will be ram selection. The talk is timely as the Annual Alberta Test Station Sale will be held on July 7 at Olds College. For further information contact Wray at 427-5083.
June 28	11th Annual Range Ram and Ewe Lamb Sale. Fort Macleod Auction. 1 P.M. Flock dispersal (Colleen and Francis Cyr, Pincher Creek) of 110 Targhee ewes (1-4 yrs old), 30 Targhee ewe lambs and 15 Targhee rams (1-2 yrs old). For more information call George Bourassa at 553-3315.
June 29-30	Wild Rose Sheep Sale - Cow Palace, Olds. Entries close April 2, 1990. To receive a catalogue in the spring, please call or write A.S.B.A. office in Calgary at #212, 6715 - 8th Street N.E., T2E 7H7, phone 295-2185 or FAX 295-3122. For more information contact Warren Moore at R R #2, Lousana, TOM 1KO, phone 749-2023.
June 30	Monthly Sheep and Goat Sale at Camrose Auction Market, 672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. For further information contact S. Spahic, Box 89, Hay Lakes, TOB 1WO, phone 878-3784.
June 30	Alberta Sheep Breeders, Wild Rose Sale. Olds Cow Palace, Olds. Selling most registered breeds, pens of range rams, registered Border Collies. For catalogues - Darcee at 295-2185 A.S.B.A., #212, 6715 - 8th Street N.E., Calgary, T2E 7H7. For information - Warren - 749-2023.

July 7	16th Annual Alberta Ram Test Station Sale. Ram Viewing begins at 10:00 A.M. BBQ at 11:30 A.M. and Sale at 1:00 P.M. Olds College. Call 948-8517 for more information.
July 15 - 18	The 1990 West Canadian National Goat Show will be held in conjunction with the Red Deer Westerner Exhibition. Booth space for displays is available. For further information contact Dorothy Broadbent, Ponoka, 783-5927.
July 15-17	Alberta Mohair Producers National West Angora and Dairy Goat Show. The Westener, Red Deer. Angora Judge - Mike Pember, Vandera, Texas. Prize money and trophies. 9 breed classes, herd classes, displays, etc. Help and sponsors are needed to make this a success. To help or for more information call Vera Wagar, Sylvan Lake, 887-5649, Jan Nesbitt, Lacombe, 782-34942 (After 6 PM), or May Johnson, Rimbey 748-2199 (After 6 PM).
July 26-28	Medicine Hat Exhibition and Stampede. Classes include Dorsets, Suffolks, Hampshires, Columbias and North Country Cheviots. For more information contact Medicine Hat Exhibition and Stampede, Box 1298, Medicine Hat T1A 7N1 or call 526-3979.
July 28	Monthly Sheep and Goat Sale at Camrose Auction Market, 672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. For further information contact S. Spahic, Box 89, Hay Lakes, TOB 1WO, phone 878-3784.
July 31	Attention all Camrose area sheep producers. A meeting will be held tonight in the Camrose Agriculture office starting at 7:30 P.M. The topic of the talk will be successful sheep breeding. A sound breeding program takes a lot of good management and does not depend on luck. Come out and refresh yourselves before you start breeding your sheep. For further information contact Wray at 427-5083.
September 8 & 9	Ye Olde Sheep Faire, Red Deer Westerner. Details in following issues.

ALBERTA RAM TEST STATION SALE

Saturday, July 7, 1990

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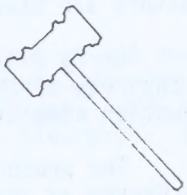

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Only rams which index above 100 and pass a physical cull for teeth, legs and testicles will be sold. A limited number of yearling rams from our Wool Breeds Test will also be available.

Rams Available for Viewing: 10:00 AM
Lamb Barbecue: 11:30 AM
Sale Begins: 1:00 PM

ANGORA GOAT BREEDERS!

Don't miss the sale of performance tested yearling bucks at **11:00 AM.** Bucks have been tested for fleece weight (45%), fibre diameter (45%) and body weight (10%). We will sell only the best of the 40 bucks on test.

Want to buy, but can't attend the sale? We can help. For more information on the sale or on written bids, contact:

Cathy Gallivan
Sheep Specialist
Bag Service # 1,
Airdrie, AB
T4B 2C1
403-948-8517

While in the area don't miss the **Calgary Stampede Sheep Show**
July 10 & 11
403-261-0162

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THE 1990 ALBERTA SHEEP AND WOOL COMMISSION

The Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission has had their annual zone meetings. Two new directors were elected at these meetings. The new directors are Sten Lundberg (Zone #1) and Lois George (Zone #5).

Gerry Pittman has been elected chairman by his fellow directors. As the chairman of the A.S.W.C., Gerry is also a member of both the promotion and production committees.

The production committee is chaired by Morag Othen with Ian Clark and Lois George as members. The promotion committee is chaired by Kathy Playdon with Sten Lundberg and Clarence Jones as members.

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ATTENTION SHEEP PRODUCERS OF ALBERTA! Phyllis Day has moved on to another position in the Beef Cattle and Sheep Branch. The ROP data entry position has been filled by Shelagh Chambers. Shelagh will continue to provide the level of service established by Phyllis. In the future, please address any ROP data or questions to Shelagh.

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CANADIAN SHEEP BREEDERS ASSOCIATION INITIATE ACTION FOR REVISION OF SCRAPIE POLICY

Directors of Canadian Sheep Breeders Association met with Dr. Koller, Chief of Control Programs, Animal Health Division, Agriculture Canada, to discuss a method of revising present Scrapie Policy. As well, discussions took place in regards to the accreditation of provincial and/or private labs for blood testing for Maedi Visna.

With both diseases, the adoption of an accreditation flock program on a voluntary basis is being discussed.

Further meetings of the Health Committee of the C.S.B.A. and Agriculture Canada are set for May, 1990, to review further details and adopt a proposal to be presented to the Board of Directors.

Don Grant, Chairman
C.S.B.A. Health Committee

NEWS RELEASE

SHEEP CLASSIC ENTRIES TOP 300

With the close of entries on April 1, 1990, in excess of 300 sheep had been consigned to the 1990 All-Canada Sheep Classic and Symposium. The Classic, sponsored by the Canadian Sheep Breeders Association, will be held June 15-16 at the Central Fraser Valley Exhibition Park in Clearbrook, British Columbia, some 40 miles east of Vancouver.

"We're ecstatic," commented Jan Tuytel, Chairman of the 1990 Classic Committee. "Over 300 entries, 13 breeds represented, top calibre symposium speakers, sheep people coming from across North America; it's going to be a tremendous show and sale; and what better place for a holiday than Southwestern British Columbia in June."

Suffolk top the entries with strong consignments of Dorset, North Country Cheviot and Hampshire. Other breeds entered include Romney, Rideau Arcott, Southdown Cheviot, Columbia, Corriedale, Oxford, Rambouillet and Canadian Arcott. Entries will be judged by Willis Griswold of Belgrade, Montana during the June 15 Classic '90 Sheep Show and will sell the following day in the order they were placed in the show ring. A Shepherd's Banquet is planned for Friday evening following the sheep show with special guest The Honourable John Savage, Provincial Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Noted industry writer and lecturer Dr. Don Bailey, Roseburg, Oregon, will be joined by Bud Forster and Judith McKenzie as speakers at the all-day symposium to run concurrent with the sheep shows. Dr. Bailey will speak on the economics of healthy ewes and healthy lambs, while Mr. Forster of Lebanon, Oregon will share his knowledge of line breeding and purebreds in commercial flocks with those in attendance. Ms. McKenzie, an accomplished spinner, weaver, and teacher is a well-known fibre textile artist and a champion advocate of local wools. She will speak on wool and wool grading.

This year's event marks the first time in the history of the Classic that the West Coast has hosted Canada's elite Ram and Ewe Show and Sale. The B.C. Purebred Sheep Breeders Association, 1990, hosts, invite and encourage all those with interests in the sheep industry to "come to see, come to hear, come to experience, come to the Classic."

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Contact: Terry Thorne, Publicity (604) 888-4470
Jan Tuytel, Chairman, All-Canada Sheep Classic (604) 530-0148
23336 - 52nd Avenue, R R #13, Langley, B.C., Canada V3A 7N6

ALBERTA SHEEP BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION NOTES

When you purchase purebred sheep which you assume are registered at Canadian Livestock Records - check the sheep's ears and make sure that they are legally tattooed with both herd letters and an identification number and year letter. Every breeder has her own set of herd letters and they are given to you by CNLR and no one else. The address is:

CANADIAN LIVESTOCK RECORDS
2417 Holly Lane
Ottawa, Ontario
K1V OM7

When you are selling registered sheep you must transfer the pedigree papers to the new owner. They are part of the sheep, and in not transferring papers you contravene the Animal Pedigree Act and are liable for prosecution.

All purebred sheep must be tattooed before four months of age in both ears.

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Canadian Sheep Breeders Association is pleased to announce that parentage testing is now available for registered sheep. Every 500th lamb registered and the sire and dam will be DNA tested. We would encourage breeders to have their stud rams tested and the results kept on file.

If a breeder has any question as to parentage this excellent method can be used.

Dr. Marie Koller met with the Canadian Sheep Breeders to discuss the present scrapie policy and revisions that are necessary. The health committee will be meeting with Ag Canada in the near future to work on an alternate plan.

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When you decide to import a new breed of sheep, contact CLR and get the registration protocol from them ahead of importation.

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YE OLDE SHEEP FAIRE

Members of Alberta Sheep Breeders' Association - Are you interested in displaying your best registered sheep? Interest is high and pen space limited. So to make this absolutely fair, we are running the display as a lottery. The spaces cost $100 each. All registered breeds are welcome. If interested please forward your check payable to Alberta Sheep Breeders' Association, your name, address, phone number and breed or breeds by June 12 to #212, 6715 - 8th Street N.E., Calgary T2E 7H7, phone 295-2185. All unsuccessful candidates will have their checks returned.

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If you are interested in displaying your fiber producing animals ie. angora goats, fleece rabbits etc. or your guard animals, donkeys and llamas or other related live animals, please send your cheque for $100 and all information to Lynn Ings (Lambs in Trust), Box 7, Site 9, R R #2, Bluffton TOC ONO. Please reserve early as space is limited.

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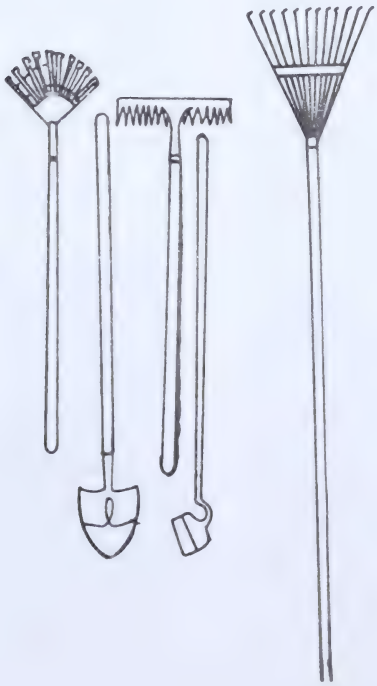

The Classifieds

FOR SALE - SHEEP

220 RAMBOUILLET/SUFFOLK cross ewe lambs plus 50 white face Rambouillet ewe lambs. January born. Rock Lake Colony, Dave Wurz, Coaldale, 345-3892 (5)

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2 HAMPSHIRE rams. Roy Griffiths, Hanna, 854-2506 (5)

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50 COMMERCIAL ewe lambs. All out of twins. Also ram lambs out of twins as well. E. Wakefield, Ft. Assiniboine, 584-3783 (5)

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1 PUREBRED 2 yr old Finn ram - $150. Dale, Lac La Biche, 623-4964 (5)

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DORSET & DORSET/FINN cross ewe lambs - December born. Dorset ram lambs - December born. R. Wagar, Wetaskiwin, 352-3439 (5)

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30 REGISTERED 2 yr old Polypay ewes with lambs at foot. 20 - 1 yr old Polypays to lamb end of May. 1 - 1 yr old unrelated registered Polypay ram. Emil Sparshu, Barrhead, 674-4524 (Mornings Only) (5)

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TWIN & TRIPLET ewe lambs. Finn/Suffolk/Rambouillet and Romonov/Suffolk/Rambouillet breeding. Jan-Feb born. Will be ready to go May-June. Brian & Rena Waite, Killam, 385-2335 (5)

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30 EWES with lambs at foot. March born lambs. Dorothy Sorensen, Paradise Valley, 745-2471 (5)

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SUFFOLK RAM. Born May '89. $100. Sandra, Stony Plain, 963-5462 (5)

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SUFFOLK YEARLING and ram lambs. Greg Alexander, Airdrie, 948-2271 (5)

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3 LONG yearling rams. 2 from triplets. 1 from twin. 3/4 Suffolks $100 each OBO. Marlene Keelan, Tofield, 922-3925 (5)

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12 SUFFOLK cross yearling ewes to lamb late April. Fred Benson, Thorhild, 398-2027 (5)

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150 EWES. Some purebred Polypays. Over 200 lambs. 3 purebred rams. Abe Dyck, Oliver, B.C., 604-498-2451 (Call after 8 PM - BC time) (5)

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RAMBOUILLET RAM. Purebred, not registered. 4 yrs old. $100. Michele Browning, Rocky Mtn House, 722-2128 (5)

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REGISTERED POLYPAY rams. Twins & triplets. Flock kept on ROP. Born in January. Also Suffolk & Suffolk cross. Polypay ewes and ewe lambs. Blake Dole, Didsbury, 335-9127 (5)

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YAKLIN HAMPSHIRES - We are reducing our registered Hampshire ewe flock. Offers accepted depending on numbers taken. Also Hampshire & Dorset rams and ewe lambs. Deliveries can be arranged. Randy Yaklin, Beaverlodge, 354-8189 (5)

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40 CROSSBRED ewes. No culls. 2-3 yr olds. Clean Flock. $85 each. Karen, Gadsby, 574-2414 (5)

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RAMBOUILLET RAMS. Choice healthy range yearlings. Three pens to select from. Whiffletree Farm, Delburne, 749-2381 (5)

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WINDHOVER FARM welcomes five new polled Dorset rams to the flock. Two of these rams were purchased from Cornell University in New York; three from Walter Renwick of Ontario. All five are the sons of naturally accelerated ewes lambing on the Star System. We now have a closed flock, but we still have open records. Visit any weekend. Windhover Farm, Box 78, Spruce View, Alberta TOM 1VO. Phone 728-3035 or FAX 227-4243 (5)

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1 REGISTERED Dorset ram - 4 yrs old - $200. 1 registered Dorset ram - born June 6,'89 from Ontario breeding - $250. 1 registered Dorset ram lamb - born Nov 4, '89 - $250. Don Christiansen, Ft. Saskatchewan, 998-9062 (5)

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ARE YOU looking for Romney breeding stock? We are now offering a select group of ram and ewe lambs sired by choice New Zealand rams. We have seven different bloodlines for you to choose. Also ROP records and wool weight records. Limited quantities. Windhaven Acres of the Tiger Lilly province also has breeding stock that will breed prominence and confidence into your breeding program. Close encounters do not produce, only actual contact. Contact us for Columbia ewes and rams sired by our Gooder Iowa ram. Delivery Available. Windhaven Acres, Doreen & Garry Schneider, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, 306-668-2154, FAX 306-934-0813 (5)

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BRIGHTBANK FINNSHEEP has top quality Finn rams and ewes. New bloodlines available from semen imported from Finnland. Good selection of lambs available. Yearling rams, fall-born ram lambs and Finn/Dorset cross ram and ewe lambs. ROP tested. Visitors welcome. Kathy Playdon, Stony Plain, 963-0416 (5)

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20 MARCH born Suffolk cross ewe lambs. Also 3/4 Dorset, 1/4 Finn ram lambs. All from multiple births and raised the same. Earl, Rocky Mtn Hse, 845-6879 (after 5 PM) (6)

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REGISTERED ROMNEY yearling ram. 4 yr old black ram - 1/2 Corriedale, 1/4 Romney, 1/4 ? - lovely black fleece. Will also have registered Romney ram lambs and grade Romney ewe lambs this fall. Hals 1/2 Aker, Henry & Esther Lambert, Winfield, 682-3742 (6)

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2 REGISTERED Hampshire ram lambs. Born early Feb '90. Leo Chartrand, Stony Plain, 963-3693 (6)

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CROSSBRED EWE lambs - 1/4 Finn, 3/4 Suffolks; 1/4 Finn, 1/4 Dorset, 1/2 Suffolk; 1/2 Romanov, 1/2 Suffolk. All from multiple births. Al McGuire, Ponoka, 783-2942 (6)

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JANUARY BORN Dorset ewe lambs. $90 each. Mrs. Downham, Vilna, 636-2229 (6)

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2 - 2 yr old Border Cheviot ewes and 2- 1 yr old ewes - 1/2 Border Cheviot, 1/2 Romanov. Had twins at first lambing at age 10 1/2 months. 1 - 2 yr old Targhee ewe. $150 each. Reason for selling - raising registered Polypays. Call Herman or Ursula, Ardrossan, 922-5973 (6)

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EWES WITH lambs. Purebred Romanov ram. Evelyn Schumacher, Breton, 696-3812 (After 5 PM) (6)

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CAN YOU see a Polypay in your future? New bloodlines from Idaho registered and certified grand dams. Lambs available spring and summer'90. Updike Lake Farm, Hythe, 356-2791 (6)

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OUR 1990 lamb crop is in and we will have a selection of percentage purebred, 1/2 Suffolk, 1/2 Finn ram lambs and 3/4 Suffolk, 1/4 Finn ewe lambs for sale. Rams $150 each, ewes $125 on choice or $100 each for 5 or more. Order your replacement now. They won't be available after September 1, 1990. Contact Sand Hills Suffolk, Doug or Pat Olchowy, Thorhild, 398-2305 (6)

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DISPERSAL SALE of commercial Suffolk flock. 15 ewe lambs born in January. 30 ewes - 2 yrs old - $100. Also one good yearling lamb. Closed sound flock, dewormed and vaccinated. Brigit Hofer, Olds, 556-3146 (6)

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FOUNDATION FLOCK of registered Rambouillet. An unusual opportunity to obtain established, award-winning purebred sheep: Highest overall indexing ram at 1988 Wool Breeds Test (Alberta); 1st and 2nd placings, Canadian Rambouillet fleeces at 1989 World Sheep & Wool Congress (Tasmania); plus other fleeces and show awards. Selling (due to illness) as a **breeding package:** 2 stud rams, 50 experienced ewes, 26 yearling ewes, plus 1990 lambs. Complete ROP, breeding and wool production records. Gail Stewart, Whiffletree Farm, Delburne, 749-2381 (6)

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SHEEP FLOCK dispersal: 300 ewes - Finn/Suffolk and Finn/Suffolk X - $85 each. All ewes are foot-trimmed, dewormed and vaccinated. Lambing percentage at weaning 170-180%. Rams for sale: 1 Finn ram, 1 Rambouillet ram, 5 Suffolk rams, 1 teaser ram. For further information call Clover Farms Ltd., Cecil Lake, B.C. (604) 787-2666 or (604) 787-4736 (6)

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300 RAMBOUILLET ewe lambs. No crosses in these lambs. $100 for 50 or less taken. $90 for over 50 taken. Call Sunshine Colony, Hussar, 787-2335. Ask for Sam or Ben after 8 PM (6)

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RIDEAU-ARCOTT cross ewe lambs. Also Suffolk/Hampshire cross ewe lambs. Born Feb '90. Purebred Rideau-Arcott ram lambs. Born Feb '90. Marti, High River, 652-3722 (6)

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APPROXIMATELY 60 - 2 yr old Suffolk/Rambouillet ewes. Very healthy flock. Records available. Their 1/2 Columbia ewe lambs still available. Also some 1/2 Arcott ram lambs (excellent for breeding ewe lambs plus increasing productivity of replacement stock). Call High River, 652-2278 (6)

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75% Suffolk, 25% Hampshire ram - 1 1/2 yrs old and a Dorset ram 1 1/2 yrs. Proven breeders. $250 each. Mary Jenson, Millet, 387-5538 (6)

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200 POLYPAY ewe lambs in June and July. 70 1-3 yr old ewes in July. Pat Kirk, Calmar, 985-3272 (6)

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1 YEAR OLD Suffolk ram. $150 O.B.O. Stony Plain area. Maria Flak, 963-7872 (After 6 PM - let phone ring) (6)

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100 YEARLING ewes - lambed, weaned and ready for pasture. Also 50 ewes of various ages. Priced according to age. Hill Valley Farms, Rod or Peg Baynton, Lloydminster, (306) 825-3348 (6)

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3 YEARLING registered Polypay rams. 3 yearling registered Outaquais Arcott rams. Double EE Ranching, Vermilion, 853-2730 (After 6 PM) (6)

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PUREBRED BORDER Leicester rams and bred ewes. Also 100 commercial ewes lambing in April. Doreen McLean, Niton Junction, 795-2140 (6)

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IDEAL STARTER herd - All under 3 yrs of age with papers. Consisting of the following - 1 purebred Suffolk ram, 20 purebred Suffolk ewes with lambs at foot to choose from for replacements and equipment. Will take best offer. For viewing call 961-2255, Diamond D Farms, Legal (6)

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FOR SALE - GOATS

4 ALPINE and Alpine cross billy goat kids. Born Jan '90. Brian & Rena Waite, Killam, 385-2335 (5)

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2 ANGORA does - $100 each. Recently sheared. Call Colleen Kenderka, Irricana, 935-4459 (6)

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EXCELLENT SAANEN milking does. Tattooed and papered. Each doe gives approximately 5-6 litres of sweet tasting milk daily. Call Erika Vester, Carstairs 337-2496 (H) or Olds 556-2299 (W) (6)

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FOR SALE - DOGS

PUPPIES, PYREENES/English sheep wolf hound cross. From good working parents, ready May 1st. $50.00. Wayne Hommy, Beaverlodge, 324-2622 (5)

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PUREBRED BORDER COLLIE pups from excellent working parents. Born Jan 6, '90. Linda, Bawlf, 373-2460 (5)

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7/8 GREAT PYREENES, 1/8 Irish Wolf Hound. Ready to go. Martin Cree, Valleyview, 524-3521 (5)

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BORDER COLLIE pups from registered sire. Both parents both cattle or sheep dogs. Grandparents trial dogs in Scotland. $125 each. Ian, Rockyford, 533-2324 (5)

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KUVASZ PUPPIES. Call Mrs. VonPlaten, Wetaskiwin, 352-3110 (5)

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REGISTERED BORDER Collie pups from working parents. Blwch Taff and Dryden Craig lines. Tri-color, first shots and wormed. $200. Kathy Playdon, Stony Plain, 963-0416 (5)

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PUREBRED REGISTERED Kuvasz puppy. Excellent farm guard dog. Used for predator control. Call Lloydminster, 875-4138 (6)

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PUREBRED BORDER Collies. Whelped March 14/90. Sondra, Calgary, 286-1993 (6)

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PUREBRED BORDER Collie pups from working parents. $50 each. Male or Female. Ready to go 1st week of May. Gladys, 826-6995 (6)

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REGISTERED BORDER Collie pups from Tina or Meg, sired by Elvin Kopp's Jeff. Parents used on sheep, cow/calf operation. Winston Curtis, Winfield, 682-2124 (6)

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STOCK DOGS, pups and started dogs. All sales guaranteed. Top bloodlines for sheep or cattle. Dogs trained by the month. Ron Gale, Sundre, 638-2836 (6)

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FOR SALE - MISCELLANEOUS

METAL ROUND bale feeders for sheep. No more crushed lambs! We're using them and they're great! $265.00. Selling 1 1/2" round tubing at 45¢/foot. Rodney Ceccato, Eckville, 746-5455 (5)

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SHOW EQUIPMENT - We are no longer showing and offer a Trimming Stand; #1, #3, #5, and pocket-size sheep cards; regular hand sheep shears and a short hand shear with leather sheath; 2 show harness (for numbers); rope halters; and a metal curry comb. A drum carder - fine tooth - new condition - $150. Books - all in good condition. Sheep & Wool Science by Ensminger (4th Ed.) $35; Sheep of the World in Colour $10; TV Vet Sheep Book $15; The Shepherd's Guidebook by Bradbury $10. Whiffletree Farm, Delburne, 749-2381 (5)

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PEL ELECTRIC fence systems - Spring Special - save $100 on our most powerful fencer. Model PE85 regular $438 - spring special $338. Check out the other specials and new products for 1990. Contact your PEL dealer or Perry Farms, Elnora, 773-2142 (5)

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FOR SALE OR TRADE

COLUMBIA RAM. Registered. 2 yrs old. Twin producer. Black Romney/Columbia ram. 1 yr old. Sale or trade for ewes. Jean or Lyle, Nanton, 646-2144 (5)

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MF 124 square baler - $2250 cash or $2500 trade for ewes or ewe lambs. Addition bale wagon $1000 cash or trade for ewes or ewe lambs. E. Wakefield, Ft. Assiniboine, 584-3783 (5)

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3 YEAR old 7/8 Suffolk ram. Good producer. Good disposition. $150.00. Marlene Keelan, Tofield, 922-3925 (5)

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COLORED & WHITE wool. Ron Gale, Sundre, 638-2836 (5)

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2 EXCELLENT Sudon Suffolk rams with papers 2 yrs old. Will consider trading for equally as good rams. May Geier, Galahad, 583-3935 (6)

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WANTED - SHEEP

8-10 GOOD healthy commercial Corriedale ewe lambs or young ewes plus 1 ram. Also 2-3 young Jacob ewes. Preferably B.C. or Alberta. Contact Dave or Anke Long, McBride, B.C. (604) 569-3116 (6)

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HORNED DORSET ram and several ewes - registered preferred. Contact Leon Barsvert, Box 690, Mayerthorpe TOE 1NO (6)

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1 ROMANOV and Dorset cross ram. 1 teaser ram. Call Colleen Kromm, 747-2126 (6)

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WANTED - DOGS

PUREBRED GREY Pyreenes male pup. From good working parents. With or without papers. Darrell Kavich, Vegreville, 632-7399 (5)

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WANTED - MISCELLANEOUS

A GOOD used milk pasteurizer, an electric butter churn and 4 quart stainless steel milk bucket for a goat. Write to L. Fehr, SS2, Site 12, Comp. 116, Ft. St. John, B.C. V1J 4M7 (5)

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SHEARING EQUIPMENT. Bruno Wiskel, Colinton, 675-4762 (5)

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USED CABLE drive sheep shearing machine. Must be complete and priced reasonable. Philip Reyda, Berwyn, 597-2113 (6)

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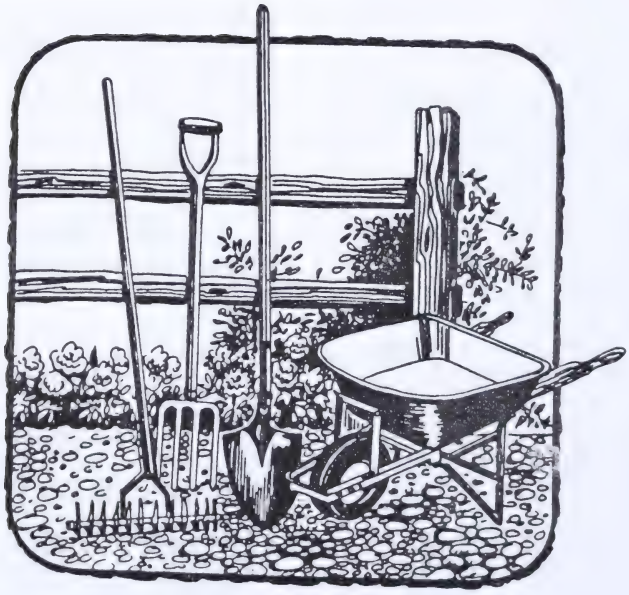

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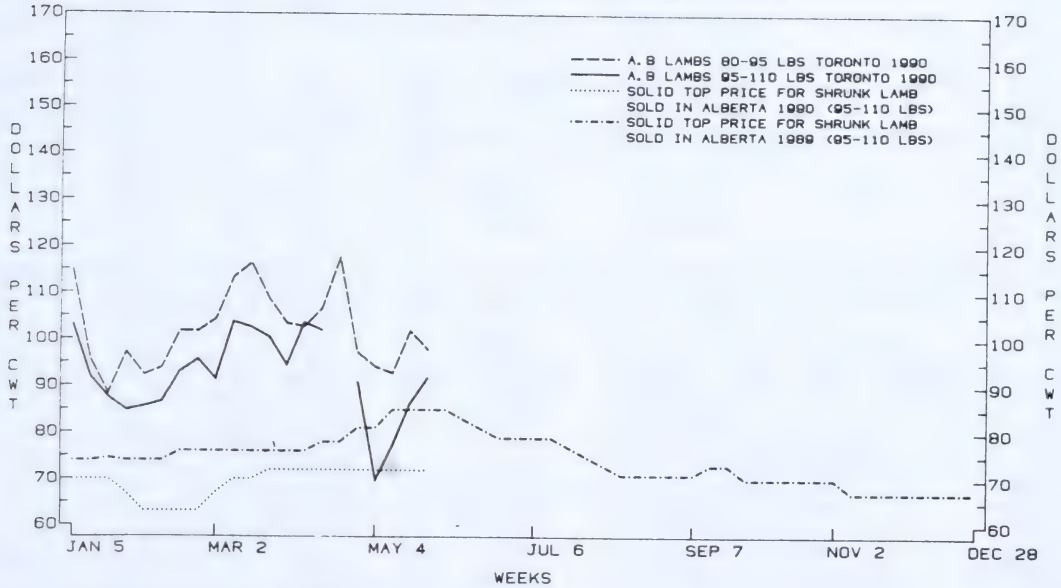


NOTE: INSUFFICIENT SALES FOR CERTAIN WEEKS.

The bid range at Lambco, in Innisfail, held steady at $69.00 to $72.00 per cwt during most of the month of May with a decline to $66.00 to $69.00 per cwt at the very end of the month. Slaughter volumes at Lambco were slightly lower than for May of last year and a three to four week backlog has developed. Lamb producers who anticipate having market ready lambs in the near future should contact Lambco in order to book a delivery date.

At the May 24, 1990 sheep and lamb sale at the Edmonton stockyards, 95-115 lbs. A & B slaughter lambs sold between $51.75 to $66.25 per cwt. Feeder lambs traded at $64.75 to $76.50 per cwt, while new crop light feeder lambs brought $80.00 to $92.50 per cwt. A lot of replacement ewes went for $46.75 per cwt.

Early in May at the Fort Macleod auction, 150 slaughter lambs were sold for shipment to B.C. for $75.00 to $80.00 per cwt. At a sale later in the month, 400 slaughter lambs traded at $71.00 to $76.00 per cwt.

Slaughter and feeder lamb prices continue to falter in the United States. In San Angelo, Texas slaughter lambs are currently trading below $60 US. Buyer interest in feeder lambs is very limited with feeder lamb prices being pressured below slaughter lamb price levels in many US markets. The one hopeful sign for longer term market recovery are USDA reports that average live slaughter weights and carcass weights are slowly declining.

PRICE RANGE AND VOLUMES FOR GOOD LAMBS 95-110 LBS AT LAMBCO

	WEEK 1	WEEK2	WEEK 3	WEEK4	WEEK 5	MONTHLY SUMMARY
CURRENT MON						
MAY 1990	69.00-72.00	69.00-72.00	69.00-72.00	69.00-72.00		69.00-72.00
LAST MON						
APR 1990	69.00-72.00	69.00-72.00	69.00-72.00	69.00-72.00		69.00-72.00
YR AGO MON						
MAY 1989	78.00-81.00	82.00-85.00	82.00-85.00	82.00-85.00		81.00-84.00
VOLUMES						
MAY 1990	1,594	1,537	1,458	1,622		6,211
MAY 1989	1,875	1,799	1,607	1,245		6,526

PRICE RANGE AND VOLUMES FOR GOOD LAMBS 95-110 LBS AT TORONTO PUBLIC STOCKYARDS
(With weighted average price in brackets beneath each range)

	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	MONTHLY SUMMARY
CURRENT MON	61.00-78.00	65.00-116.00	80.50-90.00	79.00-94.00		
MAY 1990	(69.55)	(77.22)	(86.25)	(91.75)		95.69
LAST MON	99.00-109.00	93.00-126.00	N.E.P.	81.00-102.50		
APR 1990	(103.47)	(101.84)		(90.87)		94.91
YR AGO MON	N.E.P.	130.00-143.00	115.00-125.00	73.00-105.00		
MAY 1989		(136.10)	(122.09)	(83.19)		107.87
MAY/90 VOLUME	35	12	110	75		232
AVG WEIGHT	124.0	96.0	97.5	102.8		

PRICE RANGE AND VOLUMES FOR GOOD LAMBS 80-95 LBS AT TORONTO PUBLIC STOCKYARDS
(With weighted average price in brackets beneath each range)

	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	MONTHLY SUMMARY
CURRENT MON	82.00-115.00	85.00-110.00	75.00-118.00	80.00-127.50		
MAY 1990	(94.16)	(92.76)	(101.84)	(97.82)		123.41
LAST MON	89.00-115.00	86.00-125.00	95.00-120.00	93.50-120.00		
APR 1990	(102.75)	(106.61)	(117.61)	(97.25)		103.47
YR AGO MON	N.E.P.	118.00-151.00	110.00-121.00	115.00-135.00		
MAY 1989		(137.54)	(119.28)	(120.67)		125.33
MAY/90 VOLUME	196	183	68	77		524
AVG WEIGHT	87.7	82.8	85.4	89.2		

Prices quoted for 95-110 lb lambs are bid prices at lambco and auction prices at Toronto Public Stockyards for good quality lambs. The lower end of the Alberta price range reflects bids for short haul unshrunk lambs, while the upper end of the range represents bids for long haul or shrunk lambs. Producers delivering to the Toronto Public Stockyards pay commission and yardage fees for each animal sold. Producers delivering to Lambco pay $1/head chaeckoff to the Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission.

The Toronto auction price is from the Special Sheep and Lamb Sale held on Monday each week.

N.E.P - No established price

REPRESENTATIVE LIVE SALES AS OF MAY 18, 1990

AREA	TYPE OF SHEEP	TYPE OF SALE	HEAD	LBS.	WEIGHING CONDITIONS	PRICE ($/CWT.)
WEST COAST						
California	Spring	Direct	1000	110-125	Choice & prime, shorn, FOB overnight	63.00-64.00
Oregon	Mixed	Pool	5400	85-110	80% feeders, wooled, FOB 4% shr.	55.00
California	Feeder	Auction	300	60- 90	Choice & fancy, wooled	61.00-63.25
California	Feeder	Auction	275	90-100	Choice & fancy, wooled	59.25-60.75
California	Sl. Ewe	Direct	365	120	Utility	13.00
California	Sl. Ewe	Auction	250		Utility & good	10.50-15.50
MOUNTAIN						
Idaho	Spring	Pool	450	120	Choice & prime, wooled	62.78
Wyoming	Feedlot	Direct	325	135	Choice & prime, shorn, FOB 4% shr.	55.00
Colorado	Feeder	Auction	200	63- 78	Choice & fancy, wooled	62.50-66.50
Colorado	Feeder	Auction	200	85- 94	Choice & fancy, wooled	58.00-63.00
Wyoming	Feeder	Auction	200	55- 75	New crop, choice & fancy, wooled	62.50-67.00
N. Mexico	Sl. Ewe	Direct	410	107	Culls, delivered	15.00
Colorado	Sl. Ewe	Auction	160	125-185	Utility	15.50-17.50
Colorado	Sl. Ewe	Auction	300	110-230	Fat utility & culls	11.00-14.00
Wyoming	Sl. Ewe	Auction	200		Culls	7.75-9.25
SOUTH CENTRAL						
Kansas	Spring	Auction	125	100-129	Choice & prime, wooled	60.00-62.75
Oklahoma	Spring	Computer	402	112	Choice & prime, wooled, 3% shr.	64.25
Kansas	Feedlot	Direct	1300	107-108	Spring, $.20 off @110 lbs., wooled	60.00-64.00
Texas	Feedlot	Direct	3000	110-125	Old crop, choice & prime, shorn, 51% yield guar.	55.00-57.00
Texas	Feedlot	Direct	5500	100-105	Spring, choice & prime, wooled, 51% yield guar.	60.00-61.00
Kansas	Feeder	Auction	125	50- 70	Choice & fancy, wooled & shorn,	62.50-70.00
Kansas	Feeder	Auction	175	70-100	Choice & fancy, wooled	59.50-63.00
Oklahoma	Feeder	Auction	175	65- 80	New crop, choice & fancy, wooled	58.50-61.50
Oklahoma	Feeder	Auction	125	83- 95	New crop, choice & fancy, wooled	56.50-58.50
Texas	Feeder	Auction	1000	35- 55	New crop, choice & fancy, wooled	64.00-70.00
Texas	Feeder	Auction	2700	55-100	New crop, choice & fancy, wooled	60.00-64.00
Texas	Feeder	Auction	1100	60- 90	Old crop, choice & fancy, shorn	51.00-58.00
Texas	Feeder	Auction	500	90-100	Old crop, choice & fancy, shorn	52.50-61.00
Texas	Feeder	Direct	8000	60- 85	New crop, choice & fancy, wooled	62.00-63.50
Texas	Feeder	Direct	2000	70- 90	Old crop, choice & fancy, shorn	58.00
Texas	Sl. Ewe	Auction	850		Good	30.00-37.00
Texas	Sl. Ewe	Auction	2300		Utility	22.00-30.00
Texas	Sl. Ewe	Auction	350		Utility, fat	20.00-25.00
Texas	Sl. Ewe	Auction	500		Cull	11.00-23.00
Texas	St. Ewe	Auction	200		Mixed age (per hd.)	45.00-59.00
Texas	St. Ewe	Auction	400		Ewes & lambs (per hd.)	30.50-38.50
NORTH CENTRAL						
Illinois	Spring	Computer	400	114	$.20 off @120 lbs., wooled, 3% shr.	65.00
Illinois	Old Crop	Direct	350	90-125	Choice & prime, shorn	55.00-59.00
IA-S.MN	Spring	Direct	2280	110-123	Choice & prime, shorn, FOB 4% shr.	62.00-67.00
IA-S.MN	Old Crop	Direct	4150	125-135	Choice & prime, shorn, FOB 4% shr.	58.00-65.00
Minnesota	Spring	Auction	400	95-120	Choice & prime, wooled	60.00-65.00
S. Dakota	Spring	Auction	400	120	Newell, choice & prime, wooled	59.50
S. Dakota	Spring	Auction	600	105-125	Sioux Falls, choice & prime wooled	64.00-68.00
S. Dakota	Spring	Auction	500	108-145	Choice & prime, shorn & wooled	60.00-66.70
Wisconsin	Spring	Computer	430	175	$.20 off @120 lbs., $2-4 old crop disc., 3% shr.	65.00
Minnesota	Feeder	Auction	300	60- 90	Choice & fancy, wooled	62.00-70.00
S. Dakota	Feeder	Auction	200	40- 62	Choice & fancy, wooled	72.50-82.00
S. Dakota	Feeder	Auction	250	62- 73	Choice & fancy, wooled	66.25-71.25
S. Dakota	Feeder	Auction	375	83- 99	Choice & fancy, wooled	63.25-68.60
Iowa	Sl. Ewe	Direct	750	117	Cull	10.00-14.00
Minnesota	Sl. Ewe	Auction	150		Utility & good	12.00-15.00
S. Dakota	Sl. Ewe	Auction	700		Utility & good	13.25-20.00
S. Dakota	St. Ewe	Auction	300		Short term, shorn (per hd.)	65.00
EASTERN						
Michigan	Spring	Auction	200	100-118	Choice & prime, wooled	68.00-72.00
Michigan	Old Crop	Auction	500	100-115	Choice & prime, shorn	63.00-67.00
Ohio	Spring	Auction	275	100-120	Choice & prime, wooled	66.00-74.00
Ohio	Old Crop	Auction	200	100-120	Choice & prime, shorn	64.00-67.00
Penn.	Spring	Auction	350	60- 75	Choice & prime, wooled	70.00-80.00
Penn.	Spring	Auction	600	70-110	Choice & prime, wooled	70.00-75.00
Virginia	Spring	Auction	430	95-125	Choice & prime, wooled	63.00-66.50
Virginia	Spring	Auction	206	85-125	Choice, wooled	60.00-66.00
Virginia	Spring	Computer	434	95-125	Choice & prime, wooled, $3 low choice disc.	65.50-66.50
Virginia	Sl. Ewe	Auction	235		All grades	11.00-18.50

AS OF MAY 18, 1990

FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER (Head)

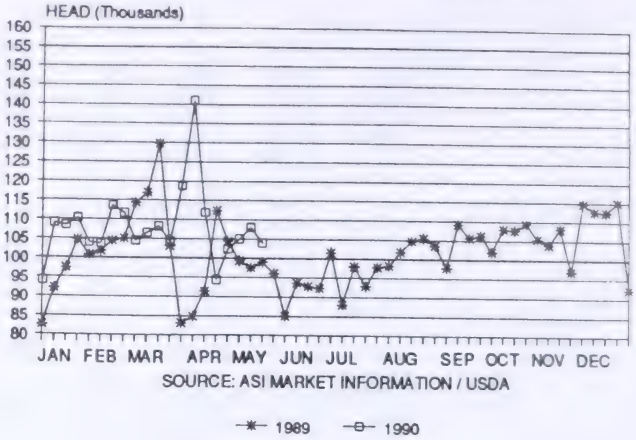
	THIS WEEK (estimated)	% THIS WEEK vs LAST WEEK	% THIS WEEK vs LAST YEAR	WEEK ENDING 4/28/90 (actual)	TOTAL YEAR TO DATE	% 1990 vs 1989 TOTAL
SHEEP	104,000	-3.7	+5.0	102,357	2,129,000	+5.1
CATTLE	687,000	+0.6	+1.8	625,458	12,333,000	-1.7
CALF	30,000	0.0	-10.9	29,385	701,000	-14.7
HOGS	1,527,000	-3.6	-6.3	1,594,435	32,673,000	-2.5

RED MEAT PRODUCTION (million pounds)

	THIS WEEK (estimated)	% THIS WEEK vs LAST WEEK	% THIS WEEK vs LAST YEAR	WEEK ENDING 4/21/90 (actual)	TOTAL YEAR TO DATE	% 1990 vs 1989 TOTAL
LAMB	6.6	-3.3	+5.2	6.2	140.2	+7.8
BEEF	460.1	+0.3	+2.9	419.1	8,366.6	-0.9
VEAL	5.0	+0.3	-16.4	4.6	112.9	-14.1
PORK	275.4	-3.3	+5.2	287.8	5,817.3	-2.9
TOTAL	747.2	-1.0	-0.6	717.7	14,437.0	-1.7

DRESSED WEIGHT		PERCENT LAMB SLAUGHTER	
THIS WEEK (EST.)	64	4/28/90	93.7
4/21/90 (ACT.)	67	4/29/89	93.4

AVERAGE WEEKLY F.I. SLAUGHTER



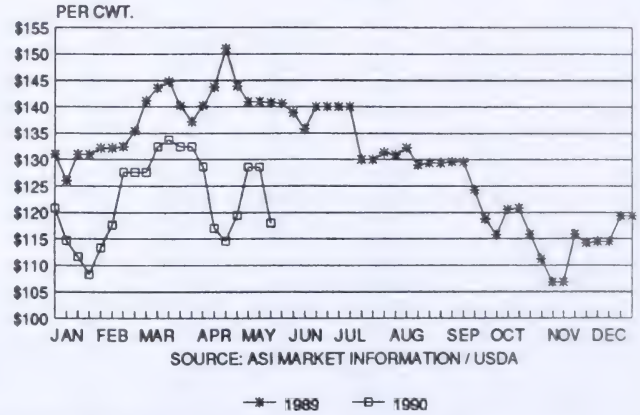
WHOLESALE LAMB MARKET

	55 lbs-down	55-65 lbs	65-75 lbs
NORTHEAST	$1.20-1.25	$1.20	$1.15
FOB RIVER	$1.15-1.20	$1.15	$1.10
LESS THAN CARLOT			
LOS ANGELES	$1.30*	$1.25**	$1.20
BAY AREA	$1.30*	$1.25**	$1.25

* 60 lbs. & down ** 60-65 lbs.

Wholesale carcass prices tumbled this week. Carcass prices in the Northeast fell 10 cents across the board with several packers selling light carcasses 15 cents off from last week's quotes. 75-85 lb. carcasses also fell 10 cents and were quoted at $.95-1.00 in the Northeast and $.90-.95 on the River. Wholesale prices in Los Angeles also fell 10 cents across the board, with some trade taking place at prices 15 cents lower. In San Francisco, Calif., light and middle weight carcasses were 5 cents lower, while heavy carcasses were steady in less than carlot trade.

EAST COAST WHOLESALE PRICES
WEIGHTED AVERAGE ALL WEIGHTS



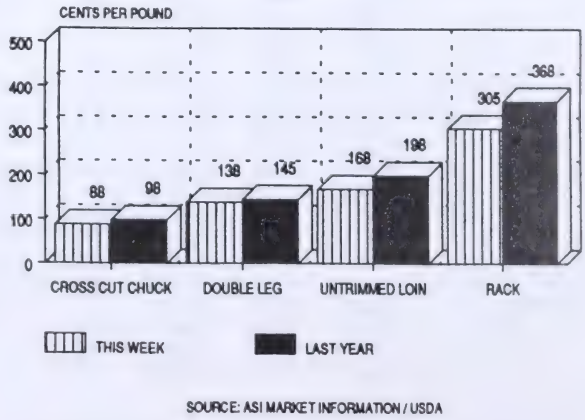
DISTRIBUTIVE CUT MARKET & RETAIL FEATURE ACTIVITY

Rack prices in the Northeast adjusted downward after last week's rush for Mother's Day. Chucks and racks in the Northeast were steady to 5 cents lower, while loins were steady to 5 cents higher. Wholesale cut prices were steady in the Rocky Mountain region but business remained slow. On the West Coast, racks held steady, leg prices were steady to weak, loins moved 10-15 cents higher and chucks were steady to 10 cents higher. Coolers remain balanced in California with good feature activity in San Francisco and light activity in Los Angeles.

ITEM	NORTH-EAST	BAY AREA	LOS ANGELES	ROCKY MOUNTAIN
CHUCK CROSS CUT	$ .80-.95	No Quote	No Quote	.85-.95*
CHUCK SQUARE CUT	No Quote	$1.19*	$1.05*	$.80-1.10*
SINGLE LEG	No Quote	$1.79*	$1.69*	$1.30-1.45*
DOUBLE LEG	$1.30-1.45	$1.59	$1.40-1.49	1.25-1.35*
LOIN	$1.60-1.75	$3.10*	$3.10*	$2.40-2.80*
RACK 7 UP	$2.85-3.25	$3.25*	$3.25*	$2.95-3.10*
FORE SADDLE	No Quote	$1.30	$1.60	No Quote
HIND SADDLE	$1.45-1.55	$1.70	$1.60	No Quote

* Trimmed and/or vacuumed packed

EAST COAST CUT PRICES
AVERAGE



FOR 24-HOUR LAMB MARKET NEWS CALL 303-771-8472

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June 14-16	1990 All-Canada Sheep Classic. Canada's elite ram and ewe sale will, for the first time, be staged on the West Coast. This annual event, sponsored by the Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association, will be held at Central Fraser Valley Exhibition Park, Clearbrook, British Columbia. Contact Terry Thorne, Publicity (604) 888-2313 or Jan Tuytel, Chairman (604) 530-0148, 1990 All-Canada Sheep Classic, 23336 52nd Avenue, R R #13, Langley, B.C., Canada V3A 7N6.
June 16	Lower Mainland Sheep Producers Association Annual Sheep and Wool Fair. Matsqui Fairgrounds. 11:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. Sheep Shearing Competition. Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd as well as Best Presented Fleece. All competitors must be paid up and registered by May 15, 1990 or they will not be permitted to participate. Entry fee - $5.00. For questions regarding the shearing competition call Diane 604-467-0280 or write D. Cougar, 10911 - 248th Street, R R #1, Maple Ridge, B.C. V3X 7E6.
June 21	North-Central Sheep Sales. Fat and Feeder lambs. Edmonton Public Stockyards. Deadline for sheep deliveries at all sales is 9:00 A.M. For additional information (sheep) contact Bruce McGhan, Box 739, Calmar, TOC OVO, phone 985-3744 or John Bolay (goats), RR #1, Westlock, TOG 2LO, phone 349-5203.
June 26	Attention all Camrose area sheep producers. A meeting will be held tonight in the Camrose Agriculture office starting at 7:30 P.M. The topic of the talk will be ram selection. The talk is timely as the Annual Alberta Test Station Sale will be held on July 7 at Olds College. For further information contact Wray at 427-5083.

June 28	11th Annual Range Ram and Ewe Lamb Sale. Fort Macleod Auction. 1 P.M. Flock dispersal (Colleen and Francis Cyr, Pincher Creek) of 110 Targhee ewes (1-4 yrs old), 30 Targhee ewe lambs and 15 Targhee rams (1-2 yrs old). For more information call George Bourassa at 553-3315.
June 29-30	Wild Rose Sheep Sale - Cow Palace, Olds. Entries close April 2, 1990. To receive a catalogue in the spring, please call or write A.S.B.A. office in Calgary at #212, 6715 - 8th Street N.E., T2E 7H7, phone 295-2185 or FAX 295-3122. For more information contact Warren Moore at R R #2, Lousana, TOM 1KO, phone 749-2023.
June 30	Monthly Sheep and Goat Sale at Camrose Auction Market, 672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. For further information contact S. Spahic, Box 89, Hay Lakes, TOB 1WO, phone 878-3784.
July 3-8	Sixth Annual Alberta Open International Sheep Dog Trials, Fort Assiniboine, Alberta. Stock Dog Training Clinic - July 3 & 4. Judging Clinic - July 5. Judge & Clinic Instructor Ronnie Bailly, North Umberland. Pro-Novice Class - July 6. Brace Competition - July 6. Open Class - July 7 & 8. Entry Deadline June 15th. To enter Clinics and/or Trials send handler's name, address, phone number, short handler history, dog's name, age, classes and entry fee to Box 240, Fort Assiniboine, TOG 1AO. Inquiries - Richard Tipton, Course Director, 584-2458.
July 7	16th Annual Alberta Ram Test Station Sale. Ram Viewing begins at 10:00 A.M. BBQ at 11:30 A.M. and Sale at 1:00 P.M. Olds College. Call 948-8517 for more information.
July 12	North-Central Sheep Sales. Fat and Feeder lambs. Edmonton Public Stockyards. Deadline for sheep deliveries at all sales is 9:00 A.M. For additional information (sheep) contact Bruce McGhan, Box 739, Calmar, TOC OVO, phone 985-3744 or John Bolay (goats), RR #1, Westlock, TOG 2LO, phone 349-5203.
July 14	The Lloydminster Sheep Show offers an expanded prize list for purebred producers and classes for commercial replacement ewes. A wool show has been added, and a Futurity Show for juniors. Prize lists available from Lloydminster Exhibition Association, Box 690, Lloydminster, Saskatchewan, S9V OY7, (306) 825-5571.

July 15 - 18	The 1990 West Canadian National Goat Show will be held in conjunction with the Red Deer Westerner Exhibition. Booth space for displays is available. For further information contact Dorothy Broadbent, Ponoka, 783-5927.
July 15-17	Alberta Mohair Producers National West Angora and Dairy Goat Show. The Westener, Red Deer. Angora Judge - Mike Pember, Vandera, Texas. Prize money and trophies. 9 breed classes, herd classes, displays, etc. Help and sponsors are needed to make this a success. To help or for more information call Vera Wagar, Sylvan Lake, 887-5649, Jan Nesbitt, Lacombe, 782-34942 (After 6 PM), or May Johnson, Rimbey 748-2199 (After 6 PM).
July 26-28	Medicine Hat Exhibition and Stampede. Classes include Dorsets, Suffolks, Hampshires, Columbias and North Country Cheviots. For more information contact Medicine Hat Exhibition and Stampede, Box 1298, Medicine Hat T1A 7N1 or call 526-3979.
July 28	First Annual Tompkins Select Range Ram & Ewe Sale, Tompkins, Saskatchewan, 1:30 P.M. Consignors of wool breeds are encouraged to have their rams objectively measured (micron). All livestock must be in on July 27, 1990. Social gathering evening of the 27th. For entry forms phone (306) 295-3801. For details on objective measurement phone (306) 622-4907. A selection committee will be present.
July 28	Monthly Sheep and Goat Sale at Camrose Auction Market, 672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. For further information contact S. Spahic, Box 89, Hay Lakes, TOB 1WO, phone 878-3784.
July 31	Attention all Camrose area sheep producers. A meeting will be held tonight in the Camrose Agriculture office starting at 7:30 P.M. The topic of the talk will be successful sheep breeding. A sound breeding program takes a lot of good management and does not depend on luck. Come out and refresh yourselves before you start breeding your sheep. For further information contact Wray at 427-5083.
August 2	North-Central Sheep Sales. Fat and Feeder lambs. Edmonton Public Stockyards. Deadline for sheep deliveries at all sales is 9:00 A.M. For additional information (sheep) contact Bruce McGhan, Box 739, Calmar, TOC OVO, phone 985-3744 or John Bolay (goats), RR #1, Westlock, TOG 2LO, phone 349-5203.

August 4-5	The Saskatchewan Sheep Breeders Association sale - previously hed at Vanscoy, will be held at the Lloydminster Exhibition grounds in 1990. The event includes shows and sales of all classes of sheep; a wool show; an expanded Junior Shepherd Show; a trade and craft display; dog trials, etc. The sale is open to all sheep producers. Entry forms and information from Lloydminster Exhibition Association, Box 690, Lloydminster, Saskatchewan, (306) 825-5571.
August 4-6	Grande Prairie Regional Fair. Classes include Hampshire, Suffolk, Columbia, Dorset and All Breeds plus Grades and Junior Classes. For more information contact Grande Prairie Regional Agricultural and Exhibition Society, Box 370, Grande Prairie, 532-3279 or call Randy Yaklin, Beaverlodge, 354-8189.
August 10-12	Welcome to the 90th Anniversary of the Mountain View County Fair, Olds, Alberta. Sheep Show Judging on August 11th at 1:00 P.M. in the new Agricultural Annex. Six major breeds to compete for $20,000 prize money available. This will be Canada's first **OPEN TO THE WORLD** Sheep Show in many years, designed to encourage open show entries from 4-H members, purchasers of test station rams, and newer beginner purebred flocks. Any purchased animal now become eligible for exhibit by any owner. Entries close July 21st (postmark). For prize list and entry forms, contact: Mr. Ernie Bird, Sec-Treas., Agricultural Entries Office, Box 2035, Olds, Alberta, TOP 1PO, phone 556-3770 (mornings).
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August 18-19	**Breeding Management School**. Lakeland College, Vermilion. Topics to be covered include: in depth ram evaluation, ewe management and nutrition, pregnancy testing and synchronizing. Speakers include Anne McClelland, Ian Clarke, Wray Whitmore and Susan Hosford. For further information contact Robert Brad, Vermilion, 853-8583.
August 25	Monthly Sheep and Goat Sale at Camrose Auction Market, 672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. For further information contact S. Spahic, Box 89, Hay Lakes, TOB 1WO, phone 878-3784.

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September 8 & 9	Ye Olde Sheep Faire, Red Deer Westerner. Details in following issues.
September 13	North-Central Sheep Sales. Fat and Feeder lambs. Edmonton Public Stockyards. Deadline for sheep deliveries at all sales is 9:00 A.M. For additional information (sheep) contact Bruce McGhan, Box 739, Calmar, TOC OVO, phone 985-3744 or John Bolay (goats), RR #1, Westlock, TOG 2LO, phone 349-5203.
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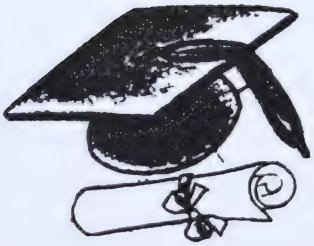
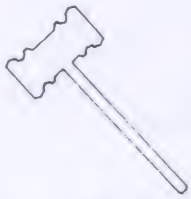


ALBERTA RAM TEST STATION SALE

Saturday, July 7, 1990

OLDS COLLEGE, OLDS



Featuring Performance Tested:

SUFFOLKS DORSETS POLYPAYS RAMBOUILLETS

HAMPSHIRES COLUMBIAS ROMANOVS CLUN FORESTS

RIDEAU ARCOTTS NORTH COUNTRY CHEVIOTS

Only rams which index above 100 and pass a physical cull for teeth, legs and testicles will be sold. A limited number of yearling rams from our Wool Breeds Test will also be available.

Rams Available for Viewing: 10:00 AM
Lamb Barbecue: 11:30 AM
Sale Begins: 1:00 PM

ANGORA GOAT BREEDERS!

Don't miss the sale of performance tested yearling bucks at **11:00 AM.** Bucks have been tested for fleece weight (45%), fibre diameter (45%) and body weight (10%). We will sell only the best of the 40 bucks on test.

Want to buy, but can't attend the sale? We can help. For more information on the sale or on written bids, contact:

Cathy Gallivan
Sheep Specialist
Bag Service # 1,
Airdrie, AB
T4B 2C1
403-948-8517

While in the area don't miss the **Calgary Stampede Sheep Show**
July 10 & 11
403-261-0162

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Olde Tyme Sheep Fair
September 8th & 9th, 1990
at the Westerner, Red Deer

EWE LAMB SALE!

Remember! Your ewe lambs must be:

- at least 100 lb
- be ROP tested
- have a minimum Multi Index of 90
- be shorn

*** SALE FEE: $10.00**

Consignment Deadline: August 24, 1990

The Olde Tyme Sheep Fair reserves the right to reject any consignment to this sale or to request any potential contributor to submit to an on-farm inspection at any time prior to the sale.

* This is the only fee for selling ewe lambs in this sale. There will be no commission charged.

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COMMERCIAL EWE LAMB SALE

Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

LOT	No. In Lot (at least 5)	Eartag Numbers (if available)	Breed Or Breed Cross	Month(s) Born

Sale Fee (Enclosed) _____ head @ $10.00/head = $ _____

Return entries no later than August 17th, 1990 to:

Lynne Ings
RR #2,
Bluffton, AB
TOC OMO

I have read the rules and terms of the sale and agree to abide by them.

Signature _____

PLEASE NOTE: SALE FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE

RULES AND TERMS OF THE SALE AVAILABLE FROM LYNNE INGS AT 843-6820

********** PRESS RELEASE **********

May 14, 1990 - Canadian sheep industry representatives reached consensus on the restructuring of its national organization at a meeting in Winnipeg on May 12 and 13, 1990. Nine provinces and four national industry groups were present. The meeting was called by Agriculture Canada at the request of several provincial sheep agencies.

The present Canada Sheep Council had been having some difficulty in its operations which were precipitated by the withdrawal of the Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission in April, 1988. In seeking to restructure the national organization, delegates attempted to address the major issue of effective industry representation.

Mr. Mazankowski indicated "I am pleased that my Department could assist in the resolution of previous organizational difficulties of the sheep industry. I am sure the discussions will result in a much more stronger industry organization".

Discussions centered around the need for a national organization which would link provincial and industry organizations, the objectives, membership and representation and funding mechanisms. Consensus was reached on all issues.

The representatives recommended that the new name of the organization should be the Canadian Sheep Federation.

Amongst several objectives of the Federation will be the appropriate reaction to legislation which impacts on the industry, the improvement of marketing systems, the monitoring of trade issues, the formulation of long-term goals and strategies which seek to strengthen the industry and the promotion of consumption of Canadian lamb and wool. The representatives agreed that the new body must strive for self-reliance as soon as possible.

Membership provisions will allow for provincial sheep agencies and national sheep industry groups to participate on the Board of Directors. National sheep industry groups include the Canadian Sheep Breeders Association, the Canadian Co-operative Woolgrowers and the Lamb Feeders of Canada.

The number of directors and votes per province as well as funding will be determined by the sheep population in each province with a minimum of one director and vote per province. It is expected that there will be thirteen directors on the Board sharing nineteen votes based on sheep distribution in Canada.

The Federation office will be located in Ottawa to improve communications with and links to the federal government.

Chairman Bruce Howard of Agriculture Canada expressed his satisfaction at the end of the meeting. "All representatives are to be congratulated for their enthusiasm and obvious support for their industry. Their willingness to reach mutual agreement on some serious issues augers very well for this industry."

The Directors of the present Canada Sheep Council together with a liaison committee, comprising of a representative from Council, provincial and national organization will supervise the transition and will meet to discuss the transition to the Canadian Sheep Federation and a revised constitution which reflects the discussions in Winnipeg. It is anticipated that the Federation will be operational by August.

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For more information, media may contact:

André Dagenais
Livestock Development Division
Agriculture Canada
Ottawa, Ont.
tel: 613 - 995-9554

Olde Tyme Sheep Fair
September 8 & 9, 1990
at the Westerner, Red Deer

EXHIBITOR FORM

ITS THAT TIME AGAIN! WE LIKED THE IDEA OF ALL BEING UNDER ONE ROOF, AND ARE WORKING ON SOME OF THE PROBLEMS WE HAD (I.E. DUST CONTROL). THE FAIR WILL BE A TWO DAY EVENT AGAIN. SEE YOU THERE!

THE BOOTH SPACES ARE ABOUT 10 x 10, WITH ONE TABLE AND TWO CHAIRS EACH. THE TOTAL COST OF THE BOOTH RENTAL IS $50.00 FOR EACH 10 x 10 SPACE REQUIRED FOR THE TWO DAYS. PAYABLE PRIOR TO JULY 31, 1990.

THE FAIR COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE YOU TO SET UP YOUR DISPLAY BETWEEN 6:30 A.M. AND 9:30 A.M. ON SEPTEMBER 8, 1990. THE FAIR HOURS ARE FROM 10 A.M. TO 9 P.M. ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, AND FROM 9 A.M. UNTIL 5 P.M. ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9. THERE WILL BE SOME SECURITY WHILE THE FAIR IS CLOSED OVERNIGHT.

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

DESCRIPTION OF GOODS SOLD _____

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REQUIREMENTS: [ ] POWER [ ] EXTRA TABLE

MT BOOTH RENTAL FEE OF $50.00 IS ENCLOSED [ ]

MY BOOTH RENTAL FEE OF $50.00 WILL BE MAILED PRIOR TO JULY 31, 1990. [ ]

ALL CHEQUES TO BE MADE TO LAMBS IN TRUST . BOOTH RENTAL FEE AND INFORMATION REGARDING BOOTHS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

OLDE TYME SHEEP FAIR
FEN ROESSINGH
R.R. 1
CARSTAIRS, AB., TOM ONO

NOTE: AS OUR EMPHASIS IS TOWARDS QUALITY HAND-CRAFTED ITEMS, WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO SET CRITERIA FOR SELECTION.

The Classifieds

FOR SALE - SHEEP

20 MARCH born Suffolk cross ewe lambs. Also 3/4 Dorset, 1/4 Finn ram lambs. All from multiple births and raised the same. Earl, Rocky Mtn Hse, 845-6879 (after 5 PM) (6)

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REGISTERED ROMNEY yearling ram. 4 yr old black ram - 1/2 Corriedale, 1/4 Romney, 1/4 ? - lovely black fleece. Will also have registered Romney ram lambs and grade Romney ewe lambs this fall. Hals 1/2 Aker, Henry & Esther Lambert, Winfield, 682-3742 (6)

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2 REGISTERED Hampshire ram lambs. Born early Feb '90. Leo Chartrand, Stony Plain, 963-3693 (6)

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CROSSBRED EWE lambs - 1/4 Finn, 3/4 Suffolks; 1/4 Finn, 1/4 Dorset, 1/2 Suffolk; 1/2 Romanov, 1/2 Suffolk. All from multiple births. Al McGuire, Ponoka, 783-2942 (6)

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JANUARY BORN Dorset ewe lambs. $90 each. Mrs. Downham, Vilna, 636-2229 (6)

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2 - 2 yr old Border Cheviot ewes and 2- 1 yr old ewes - 1/2 Border Cheviot, 1/2 Romanov. Had twins at first lambing at age 10 1/2 months. 1 - 2 yr old Targhee ewe. $150 each. Reason for selling - raising registered Polypays. Call Herman or Ursula, Ardrossan, 922-5973 (6)

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EWES WITH lambs. Purebred Romanov ram. Evelyn Schumacher, Breton, 696-3812 (After 5 PM) (6)

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CAN YOU see a Polypay in your future? New bloodlines from Idaho registered and certified grand dams. Lambs available spring and summer'90. Crossbred lambs - Polypay/Cheviot, Polypay/Rambouillet and Polypay /Suffolks. Updike Lake Farm, Hythe, 356-2791 (6)

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OUR 1990 lamb crop is in and we will have a selection of percentage purebred, 1/2 Suffolk, 1/2 Finn ram lambs and 3/4 Suffolk, 1/4 Finn ewe lambs for sale. Rams $150 each, ewes $125 on choice or $100 each for 5 or more. Order your replacement now. They won't be available after September 1, 1990. Contact Sand Hills Suffolk, Doug or Pat Olchowy, Thorhild, 398-2305 (6)

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FOUNDATION FLOCK of registered Rambouillet. An unusual opportunity to obtain established, award-winning purebred sheep: Highest overall indexing ram at 1988 Wool Breeds Test (Alberta); 1st and 2nd placings, Canadian Rambouillet fleeces at 1989 World Sheep & Wool Congress (Tasmania); plus other fleeces and show awards. Selling (due to illness) as a **breeding package**: 2 stud rams, 50 experienced ewes, 26 yearling ewes, plus 1990 lambs. Complete ROP, breeding and wool production records. Gail Stewart, Whiffletree Farm, Delburne, 749-2381 (6)

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SHEEP FLOCK dispersal: 300 ewes - Finn/Suffolk and Finn/Suffolk X - $85 each. All ewes are foot-trimmed, dewormed and vaccinated. Lambing percentage at weaning 170-180%. Rams for sale: 1 Finn ram, 1 Rambouillet ram, 5 Suffolk rams, 1 teaser ram. For further information call Clover Farms Ltd., Cecil Lake, B.C. (604) 787-2666 or (604) 787-4736 (6)

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300 RAMBOUILLET ewe lambs. No crosses in these lambs. $100 for 50 or less taken. $90 for over 50 taken. Call Sunshine Colony, Hussar, 787-2335. Ask for Sam or Ben after 8 PM (6)

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RIDEAU-ARCOTT cross ewe lambs. Also Suffolk/Hampshire cross ewe lambs. Born Feb '90. Purebred Rideau-Arcott ram lambs. Born Feb '90. Marti, High River, 652-3722 (6)

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APPROXIMATELY 60 - 2 yr old Suffolk/Rambouillet ewes. Very healthy flock. Records available. Their 1/2 Columbia ewe lambs still available. Also some 1/2 Arcott ram lambs (excellent for breeding ewe lambs plus increasing productivity of replacement stock). Call High River, 652-2278 (6)

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75% Suffolk, 25% Hampshire ram - 1 1/2 yrs old and a Dorset ram 1 1/2 yrs. Proven breeders. $250 each. Mary Jenson, Millet, 387-5538 (6)

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200 POLYPAY ewe lambs in June and July. 70 1-3 yr old ewes in July. Pat Kirk, Calmar, 985-3272 (6)

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1 YEAR OLD Suffolk ram. $150 O.B.O. Stony Plain area. Maria Flak, 963-7872 (After 6 PM - let phone ring) (6)

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100 YEARLING ewes - lambed, weaned and ready for pasture. Also 50 ewes of various ages. Priced according to age. Hill Valley Farms, Rod or Peg Baynton, Lloydminster, (306) 825-3348 (6)

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PUREBRED BORDER Leicester rams and bred ewes. Also 100 commercial ewes lambing in April. Doreen McLean, Niton Junction, 795-2140 (6)

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IDEAL STARTER herd - All under 3 yrs of age with papers. Consisting of the following - 1 purebred Suffolk ram, 20 purebred Suffolk ewes with lambs at foot to choose from for replacements and equipment. Will take best offer. For viewing call 961-2255, Diamond D Farms, Legal (6)

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WE DECIDED to keep last year's ewe lambs and lamb them out and are we glad we did! These gals lambed out at 12-14 months of age, weaned a 218% lamb crop and their lambs averaged 1.14 lbs/day to 50 days. Clear Hills Finnsheep is selling the last of its Finns - the best in North America. Call about these yearling ewes today. Also for sale, are the FxD ewe lambs and ram lambs off of these ewes. Call Tina, 971-2408 (7)

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1 YEARLING Romanov/Dorset cross ram - $200. 1 Suffolk ram - Waco Force One 3X - twin - born Jan '88. Larry & Kristi Roy, Innsifree, 592-2183 (7)

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PUREBRED RAMBOUILLET yearling rams. Happy Valley Farms bloodlines. Contact Gerald (306) 662-3190 or Delbert (306) 662-3885, Maple Creek, Sask. (7)

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POLYPAY RAM, 3 yrs old - $200 no papers. Call Norman (604) 838-7368 before 8 AM Pacific time (7)

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QUALITY PUREBRED Hampshire ram. Born Jan 23/90. Linda, Olds, 556-6687 (7)

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REGISTERED DORSETS - 1 - 2 yr old ram, 2 yearling rams. Ewe & ram lambs. Registered Suffolk ewe and ram lambs. Patric Lyster, Vilna, 636-2007 (7)

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REGISTERED SUFFOLK ram lambs. Also 1 registered North Country Cheviot ram lamb. Vivian, Bruderheim, 796-3556 (7)

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YOU NEED a ram, you need selection. Come to Treco Ranch and take your pick from the 60+ rams offered this year. Choose from Suffolk, Columbia, Polypays or Rambouillets. Last year we offered 40 and sold 37. With the recent purchase of the majority of the famous Waco ewes and lambs we are able to add another "batch" to select from. Also selling teaser rams, 3 - 3 yr vasectomized Dorsets - your pick - $100. Phone Warren Moore, Treco Ranch, Lousana, 749-2023 (7)

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REGISTERED SUFFOLK ewe lambs and rams. 21 years ROP tested. Brian Kure, Spruce View, 728-3744 or 728-3361 (7)

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DORSET & Dorset Finn cross ewe lambs. December born. Richard & Phyllis Wagar, Wetaskiwin, 352-3439 (7)

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ROP TESTED Suffolk & Dorset ram lambs and yearling rams. Selected for rate of gain and multiple births. Also, Dorset\Suffolk cross and purebred Suffolk ewe lambs. Dennis Pasichney, Wild & Wooly Sheep Enterprises, Redwater, 942-4537 (7)

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YEARLING RAMS - 2 Cheviot & 2 Dorset. Fine animals, purbred but no papers - $200 each. Yearling ewes - Excellent Suffolk, Dorset and Cheviot crosses. No problems and no disease - $120. Commercial ewes - excellent 2 & 3 yr olds. All have lambed at least twice. Selling to reduce commercial flock. Pat de Rosemond, Carstairs, 337-2800 (7)

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HAMPSHIRE & Dorset ewes and rams. Randy Yaklin, Beaverlodge, 354-8189 (7)

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CAMPSIE COVE mini-farm now has Finn rams and ewe lambs. Also Angora and Hollandlop rabbits. Robert Paquin, Barrhead, 674-2968 (7)

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30 OUTAOUAIS Arcott ewe lambs. 65 Polypay ewe lambs. Richard Van Ee, Vermilion, 853-2730 (After 6 PM) (7)

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COLUMBIA RAM, purebred with papers. 1 yr old - $300. Carol, Athabasca, 675-2945 or 675-2951 (7)

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15 SUFFOLK ewe lambs. Born January. From good commercial ewes. Vaccinated and dewormed. Brigit Hofer, Olds, 556-3146 (7)

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150 SUFFOLK & Suffolk/Hampshire cross ewe lambs. Available now. Also Finn ram and ewe lambs that will be ready in July. Mike Wurz, Morinville Colony, 939-2118 (7:30-8 AM or after 7 PM) (7)

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18 SUFFOLK ewes. Ages 3-5 yrs. Weaned in January. Good condition - $70. 10 Suffolk yearling ewe lambs. Kure & Fowler breeding. Good size - $80. Ed Fortna, Airdrie, 948-7674 (7)

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RAMBOUILLET FLOCK. 45 ewes 1-4 yrs old with May lambs. Ray Rink, Stony Plain, 963-3058 (7)

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CLUN FOREST registered ewe lambs, ram lambs and ewes. A medium sized breed, excellent mothers, free of lambing troubles, lots of milk, excellent for crossing on any breed. Crosses are prolific and thrifty. Don Spicer, Cochrane, 262-5717 or 932-4262 after 7 PM (7)

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38 DORSET/Suffolk & Finn/Suffolk cross ewes. 2nd & 3rd lamb crop. 1990 crop in excess of 200%. $100 per ewe. Keith, Camrose, 672-6115 (7)

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FOR SALE - GOATS

2 ANGORA does - $100 each. Recently sheared. Call Colleen Kenderka, Irricana, 935-4459 (6)

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EXCELLENT SAANEN milking does. Tattooed and papered. Each doe gives approximately 5-6 litres of sweet tasting milk daily. Call Erika Vester, Carstairs 337-2496 (H) or Olds 556-2299 (W) (6)

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REGISTERED NIGERIAN dwarf Billy - black & white. Vivian, Bruderheim, 796-3556 (7)

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PYGMY GOATS. 1 yearling Billy - white/brown/black, 2-3 months old. Billies - one black & white, the other white/brown/black - $75 each, 1-3 months old. Nanny - black & white - $100. Myrna, Ponoka, 783-2942 (7)

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ANGORA GOATS. 6 registered bucks, 1 purebred unregistered buck, 10 registered does with kids, 5 registered yearling does, 2 purebred unregistered does with kids, 4 wethers, age range 1986-1990. All shots given. Mary Conway, Sundre, 638-3284 (7)

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1 REGISTERED purebred Nubian doe (dry) - 4 yrs old. 1 unregistered purebred Nubian doe (milking) - 3 yrs old. 1 unregistered purebred yearling Nubian doe - 1 yr. All very affectionate and gentle. Asking $90 each or $250 for all. Call Robin, (604) 423-3824, or write Box 2844, Fernie, B.C., VOB 1MO (7)

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FOR SALE - DOGS

PUREBRED REGISTERED Kuvasz puppy. Excellent farm guard dog. Used for predator control. Call Lloydminster, 875-4138 (6)

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PUREBRED BORDER Collies. Whelped March 14/90. Sondra, Calgary, 286-1993 (6)

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PUREBRED BORDER Collie pups from working parents. $50 each. Male or Female. Ready to go 1st week of May. Gladys, 826-6995 (6)

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REGISTERED BORDER Collie pups from Tina or Meg, sired by Elvin Kopp's Jeff. Parents used on sheep, cow/calf operation. Winston Curtis, Winfield, 682-2124 (6)

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PUREBRED BELGIAN sheep dog female, 1 yr old - $200. Also Belgian sheepdog male, 3 months puppy. Both have had all shots, are tatooed with papers. Call Carol, Athabasca, 675-2945 or 675-2951 (7)

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PUREBRED AUSTRALIAN Kelpie puppies, excellent stock dogs - $150. Contact Jim, Calgary, 288-5405 (7)

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FOR SALE - MISCELLANEOUS

METAL ROUND bale feeders for sheep. No more crushed lambs! We're using them and they're great! $265.00. Selling 1 1/2" round tubing at 45¢/foot. Rodney Ceccato, Eckville, 746-5455 (6)

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DONKEY - $450. 5 yr gelding. Guard donkey for 3 yrs. Raymond Pfchabold, Rimbey, 843-6732 (6)

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PATRICK GREEN bench model battmaker and a Paula's picker. Ideal for anyone interested in making wool comforters. $1,500 for the two - will not sell them separately. Ellen Munro, Edson, 397-2204 (7)

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SHEARING MACHINE complete with motor, solid shaft, hand piece, comb and cutter. Good working order. R. Spicer, Wynndel, B.C. (604) 866-5402 (7)

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THIS PUREBRED and commercial stock sheep operation being one of the more profitable agricultural business ventures is a must for the discriminating buyer to consider. State of the art sorting and shipping pens, halogen lighting package, and numerous heated water systems are designed for maximum efficiency in the general day to day operations. The total package includes over 18 acres with highway frontage, 3300 square foot main residence plus over 1000 square foot 2nd income property, all located 10 minutes east of Edmonton. Deinitely a must to view! Call Rich or Darin for more details, 467-4044 (6)

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FOR SALE OR TRADE

2 EXCELLENT Sudon Suffolk rams with papers 2 yrs old. Will consider trading for equally as good rams. May Geier, Galahad, 583-3935 (6)

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SOUTHDOWN CROSS Finn ram from triplets $150 or trade for 2 rams. Merlayne Reilly, Stony Plain, 963-7508 (7)

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3 REGISTERED Hampshire ram lambs. Born early February 1990. Will sell or trade for registered Hampshire or Columbia ewes. George or Christine Vanderberg, Monarch, 381-4147 (7)

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THIS YEARS rams for sale or trade for this years hay. Leave message on machine at 724-3158, Elk Point. (7)

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WANTED - SHEEP

8-10 GOOD healthy commercial Corriedale ewe lambs or young ewes plus 1 ram. Also 2-3 young Jacob ewes. Preferably B.C. or Alberta. Contact Dave or Anke Long, McBride, B.C. (604) 569-3116 (6)

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HORNED DORSET ram and several ewes - registered preferred. Contact Leon Barsvert, Box 690, Mayerthorpe TOE 1NO (6)

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1 ROMANOV and Dorset cross ram. 1 teaser ram. Call Colleen Kromm, 747-2126 (6)

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RARE OR unusual breeds of sheep. Pat de Rosemond, Carstairs, 337-2800 (7)

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1 FINN/Rambouillet cross ram. Brian McLeod, Entwhistle, 727-2627 (7)

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FEEDER LAMBS or goats. Jean Bolay, Westlock, 349-5203 (7)

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WANTED - GOATS

CULLED GOATS. Al McQuire, Ponoka, 783-2942 (evenings) (7)

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WANTED - MISCELLANEOUS

USED CABLE drive sheep shearing machine. Must be complete and priced reasonable. Philip Reyda, Berwyn, 597-2113 (6)

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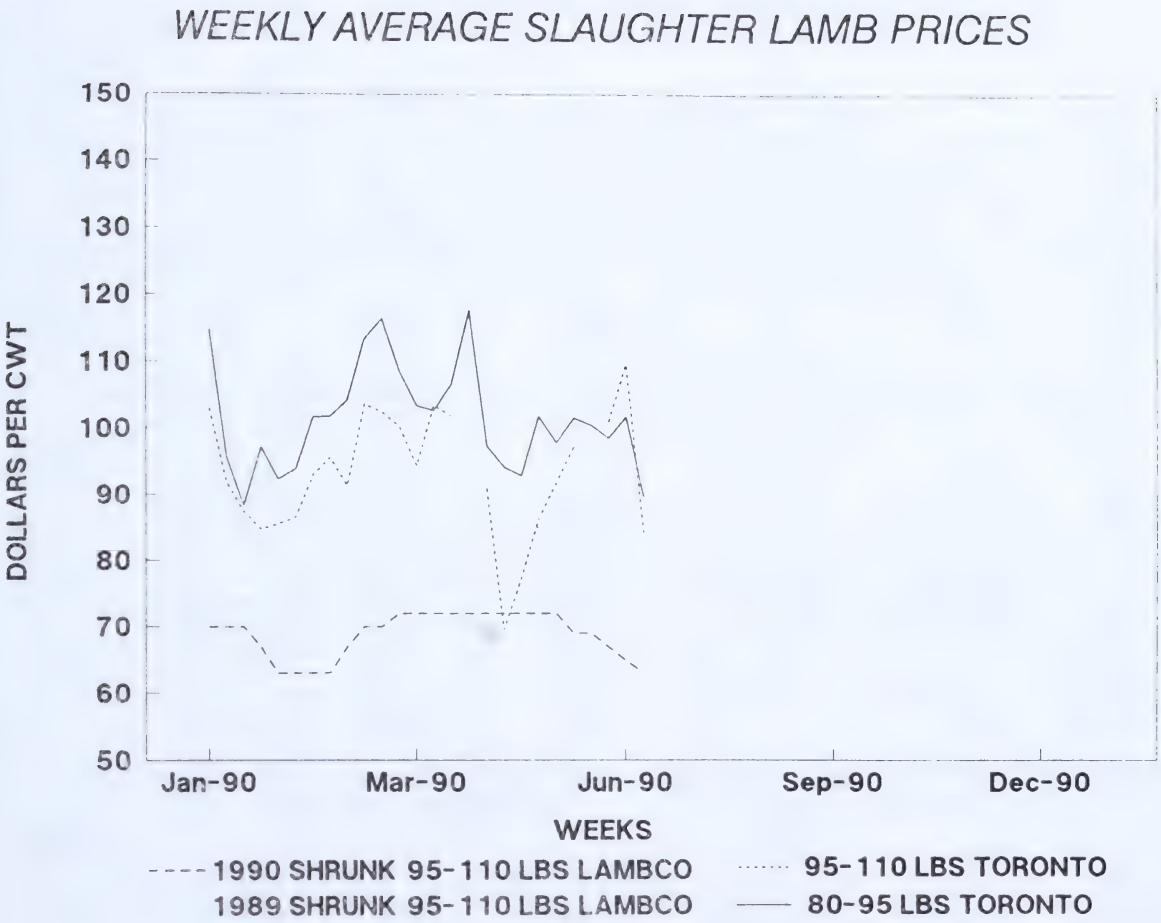

The bid range at Lambco, in Innisfail slid $6.00 per cwt to $60.00 to $63.00 per cwt over the month of June. The downward pressure on slaughter lamb prices has continued to originate in the United States due to excess supplies of lamb in wholesale markets. Producers, with lambs approaching market weight, should note that Lambco has a four to five week backlog in slaughter bookings.

At the Edmonton Livestock Yard, during the third week of June, slaughter lambs sold from between $57.00 to 63.00 per cwt, while feeder lambs went for $57.00 to $66.00 per cwt.

At recent sales at the Fort Macleod auction, 85 to 100 lb slaughter lambs have brought $64.00 to $68.00 per cwt with most lambs going to B.C., the United States and Ontario. Feeder lambs destined primarily to Ontario brought $70.00 to $72.00 per cwt. Weekly volumes at recent Fort Macleod auctions have ranged from thirteen hundred to nineteen hundred head.

In key markets in the United States, slaughter lamb prices have declined to range from $52.00 US to $53.00 US per cwt with no real strengthening in prices in sight.

PRICE RANGE AND VOLUMES FOR GOOD LAMBS 95-110 LBS AT LAMBCO

	WEEK 1	WEEK2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	MONTHLY SUMMARY
CURRENT MON						
JUN 1990	66.00-69.00	66.00-69.00	64.00-67.00	62.00-65.00	60.00-63.00	63.60-76.60
LAST MON						
MAY 1990	69.00-72.00	69.00-72.00	69.00-72.00	69.00-72.00		69.00-72.00
YR AGO MON						
JUN 1989	82.00-85.00	80.00-83.00	78.00-81.00	76.00-79.00	76.00-79.00	78.40-81.40
VOLUMES						
JUN 1990	1,465	1,349	1,262	1,397	1,628	7,101
JUN 1989	1,462	1,734	1,609	1,587	1,697	8,089

PRICE RANGE AND VOLUMES FOR GOOD LAMBS 95-110 LBS AT TORONTO PUBLIC STOCKYARDS
(With weighted average price in brackets beneath each range)

	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	MONTHLY SUMMARY
CURRENT MON	75.00-112.00	N.E.P.	78.00-104.00	107.00-113.00	80.00-93.00	
JUN 1990	(97.22)		(101.03)	(109.62)	(84.04)	91.44
LAST MON	61.00-78.00	65.00-116.00	80.50-90.00	79.00-94.00		
MAY 1990	(69.55)	(77.22)	(86.25)	(91.75)		95.21
YR AGO MON	100.00-116.50	N.E.P.	75.00-89.00	55.00-72.00	90.00-107.00	
JUN 1989	(111.53)		(79.54)	(66.09)	(102.22)	71.88
JUN/90 VOLUME	6		106	22	196	330
AVG WEIGHT	104.2		99.5	99.8	102.2	

PRICE RANGE AND VOLUMES FOR GOOD LAMBS 80-95 LBS AT TORONTO PUBLIC STOCKYARDS
(With weighted average price in brackets beneath each range)

	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	MONTHLY SUMMARY
CURRENT MON	90.00-115	88.00-110.00	92.00-110.00	90.00-112.00	80.00-95.00	
JUN 1990	(101.60)	(100.47)	(98.60)	(101.74)	(89.66)	96.32
LAST MON	82.00-115.00	85.00-110.00	75.00-118.00	80.00-127.50		
MAY 1990	(94.16)	(92.76)	(101.84)	(97.82)		95.21
YR AGO MON	111.00-128.00	100.00-117.00	88.00-106.00	105.00-120.00	99.00-118.00	
JUN 1989	(123.20)	(97.84)	(97.84)	(114.52)	(107.93)	109.87
JUN/90 VOLUME	84	73	142	156	288	743
AVG WEIGHT	83.0	83.0	84.5	83.7	86.6	

Prices quoted for 95-110 lb lambs are bid prices at lambco and auction prices at Toronto Public Stockyards for good quality lambs. The lower end of the Alberta price range reflects bids for short haul unshrunk lambs, while the upper end of the range represents bids for long haul or shrunk lambs. Producers delivering to the Toronto Public Stockyards pay commission and yardage fees for each animal sold. Producers delivering to Lambco pay $1/head chaeckoff to the Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission.

The Toronto auction price is from the Special Sheep and Lamb Sale held on Monday each week.

N.E.P - No established price

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REPRESENTATIVE LIVE SALES AS OF JUNE 29, 1990

AREA	TYPE OF SHEEP	TYPE OF SALE	HEAD	LBS.	WEIGHING CONDITIONS	PRICE ($/CWT.)
WEST COAST						
California	Spring	Direct	1500	110-120	Choice & prime, wooled & shorn, delivered	55.00-58.00
California	Spring	Direct	1700	120	Choice & prime, wooled & shorn, delivered	60.00
California	Spring	Auction	475	100-120	Choice & prime, No 1-2 pelts	56.00-59.00
Washington	Spring	Direct	400	100-125	Choice & prime, wooled, delivered	56.00-58.00
California	Feeder	Auction	400	60- 95	Choice & fancy, wooled	54.00-57.00
Oregon	Feeder	Direct	200	80-100	Choice & fancy, wooled, FOB overnight	50.00

AREA	TYPE OF SHEEP	TYPE OF SALE	HEAD	LBS.	WEIGHING CONDITIONS	PRICE ($/CWT.)
MOUNTAIN						
Colorado	Spring	Auction	250	106-122	Choice & prime, wooled	55.50-56.50
Idaho	Spring	Direct	2000	120	Choice & prime, wooled, delivered	60.00
Wyoming	Spring	Pool	425	116	Choice & prime, wooled, FOB 4% shr.	57.00
Colorado	Feeder	Auction	125	73- 88	Choice & fancy, wooled	56.00-58.00
Colorado	Feeder	Auction	300	97-106	Choice & fancy, wooled	50.00-53.00
Colorado	Sl. Ewe	Auction	250	115-125	All grades	16.50-19.50

AREA	TYPE OF SHEEP	TYPE OF SALE	HEAD	LBS.	WEIGHING CONDITIONS	PRICE ($/CWT.)
SOUTH CENTRAL						
Kansas	Spring	Direct	660	110-115	$.20 off under 110 lbs., wooled, delivered	53.00
Texas	Feedlot	Direct	1500	110-125	Old crop, shorn, 51% yield guar.	54.00-55.00
Texas	Feedlot	Direct	3500	110-120	Spring, choice & prime, wooled, 51% yield guar.	55.00-57.00
Texas	Feedlot	Direct	2700	100-120	Spring, choice & prime, shorn, FOB 4% shr.	51.00-53.00
Texas	Feedlot	Direct	400	100-120	Spring, choice & prime, shorn, 51% yield guar.	54.00-55.00
Oklahoma	Feeder	Auction	150	60- 90	Choice & fancy, wooled	45.50-50.00
Texas	Feeder	Auction	975	35- 60	Choice & fancy, wooled	53.00-57.00
Texas	Feeder	Auction	1550	60-100	Choice & fancy, wooled	52.00-55.00
Texas	Feeder	Direct	2500	60- 85	Choice & fancy, wooled, FOB 3% shr.	53.00-55.50
Texas	Sl. Ewe	Auction	350		Good	28.00-35.00
Texas	Sl. Ewe	Auction	1950		Utility	20.00-29.00
Texas	Sl. Ewe	Auction	500		Cull	12.00-20.00
Texas	St. Ewe	Auction	200		Yearlings (per hd.)	55.00-65.00
Texas	St. Ewe	Auction	2100		2-3 year old (per hd.)	38.00-48.00
Texas	St. Ewe	Auction	2950		Babytooth to solid mouth (per hd.)	27.00-37.25
Texas	St. Ewe	Auction	150		Ewes & lambs (per hd.)	16.00-23.00

AREA	TYPE OF SHEEP	TYPE OF SALE	HEAD	LBS.	WEIGHING CONDITIONS	PRICE ($/CWT.)
NORTH CENTRAL						
Illinois	Spring	Direct	360	95-125	Choice & prime, wooled	45.00-48.00
Illinois	Spring	Computer	579	115	Choice & prime, wooled, $5 buck disc., 3% shr.	53.25-54.00
Iowa	Spring	Computer	932	115-118	Choice & prime, wooled, $5 buck disc., 3% shr.	52.50-54.00
IA-S.MN	Spring	Direct	6700	109-134	Choice & prime, wooled & shorn, FOB 4% shr.	50.00-54.00
Minnesota	Spring	Computer	380	117	Choice & prime, wooled, $5 buck disc., 3% shr.	51.75
Minnesota	Spring	Auction	250	100-110	Choice & prime, wooled	48.00-50.00
Minnesota	Spring	Auction	270	110-125	Choice & prime, wooled	50.00-52.00
S. Dakota	Spring	Auction	850	104-116	Choice & prime, wooled	48.50-52.25
S. Dakota	Spring	Auction	900	116-141	Choice & prime, wooled	50.25-54.10
Minnesota	Feeder	Auction	410	60- 90	Choice & fancy, wooled	50.00-55.00
S. Dakota	Feeder	Auction	225	63- 72	Choice & fancy, wooled	48.00-56.50
S. Dakota	Feeder	Auction	300	77-106	Sioux Falls, choice & fancy, wooled	46.75-52.00
S. Dakota	Feeder	Auction	550	70-100	Newell, choice & fancy, wooled	51.00-54.50
Minnesota	Sl. Ewe	Auction	150		Utility & good	12.00-15.00
S. Dakota	Sl. Ewe	Auction	375		Utility & good	14.75-19.00

AREA	TYPE OF SHEEP	TYPE OF SALE	HEAD	LBS.	WEIGHING CONDITIONS	PRICE ($/CWT.)
EASTERN						
Kentucky	Spring	Auction	550	110-125	$.25 off wt. under 110 lbs., $5 buck disc.	53.00
Michigan	Spring	Auction	750	95-115	Choice & prime, wooled & shorn	48.00-52.00
New York	Spring	Auction	125	75-105	Choice & prime, wooled	56.00-57.00
Ohio	Spring	Auction	300	95-130	Choice & prime, wooled	51.00-54.50
Ohio	Spring	Direct	132	114	Choice & prime, wooled	52.00
Penn.	Spring	Auction	1250	55-120	Choice & prime, wooled	50.00-60.00
Virginia	Spring	Auction	400	95-125	Choice & prime, wooled	53.00-54.25
Virginia	Spring	Auction	275	85-125	Choice, wooled	48.00-52.00
Virginia	Spring	Computer	158	95-125	Choice & prime, wooled, $3 low choice disc.	52.25
Michigan	Sl. Ewe	Auction	150		All grades	16.00-21.00
Ohio	Sl. Ewe	Auction	105		Utility & good	19.00-24.00

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FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER (Head)

	THIS WEEK (estimated)	% THIS WEEK vs LAST WEEK	% THIS WEEK vs LAST YEAR	WEEK ENDING 6/09/90 (actual)	TOTAL YEAR TO DATE	% 1990 vs 1989 TOTAL
SHEEP	94,000	-1.1	-7.4	108,576	2,721,000	+5.2
CATTLE	656,000	-0.9	-2.2	664,725	16,250,000	-1.4
CALF	31,000	0.0	-15.4	30,926	882,000	-14.7
HOGS	1,391,000	-5.1	-7.3	1,459,558	41,200,000	-3.4

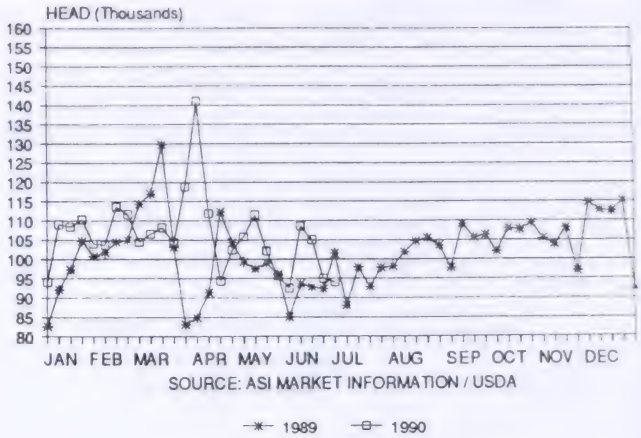
RED MEAT PRODUCTION (million pounds)

	THIS WEEK (estimated)	% THIS WEEK vs LAST WEEK	% THIS WEEK vs LAST YEAR	WEEK ENDING 6/02/90 (actual)	TOTAL YEAR TO DATE	% 1990 vs 1989 TOTAL
LAMB	6.1	-0.8	-1.1	6.1	179.3	+9.2
BEEF	443.0	-0.8	-1.6	399.2	11,003.2	-0.6
VEAL	5.6	-0.3	-3.7	5.0	145.1	-13.4
PORK	250.7	-5.2	-5.8	222.5	7,358.6	-3.5
TOTAL	705.5	-2.4	-3.2	632.8	18,686.2	-1.8

DRESSED WEIGHT		PERCENT LAMB SLAUGHTER	
THIS WEEK (EST.)	65	6/09/90	93.7
6/02/90 (ACT.)	67	6/10/89	92.6

AS OF JUNE 29, 1990

AVERAGE WEEKLY F.I. SLAUGHTER



WHOLESALE LAMB MARKET

	55 lbs-down	55-65 lbs	65-75 lbs
NORTHEAST	$1.15-1.20	$1.20	$1.20
FOB RIVER	$1.10-1.15	$1.15	$1.15

LESS THAN CARLOT

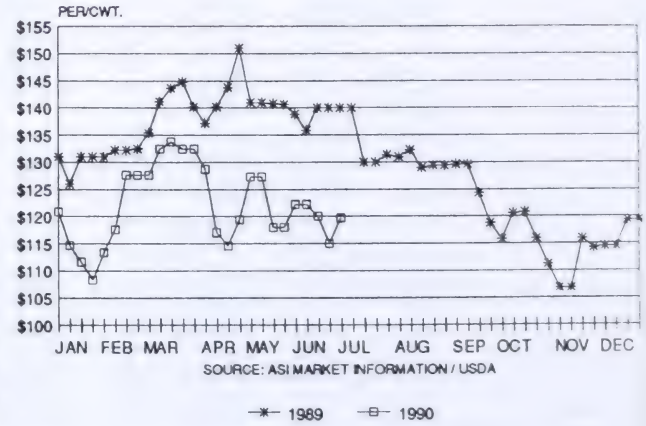
LOS ANGELES	$1.20-1.21*	$1.20*	$1.20
BAY AREA	$1.25*	$1.25**	$1.25

* 60 lbs. & down ** 60-65 lbs.

Until recent weeks, light carcasses were less than 10% of the total carcass trade. As the movement of light meat increased, East Coast meat buyers have continued to place pressure on 55 lb. and down carcass prices. In a late week rally, light carcasses closed steady to 5 cents higher while middle and heavy carcasses moved a full 5 cents higher. Carcasses weighing 75-85 lbs. moved 10-15 cents higher, bringing $1.10-1.20 on the East Coast and $1.05-1.15 on the River. Prices in San Francisco, Calif., held steady this week while Los Angeles, Calif. carcass prices were steady to 2 cents lower.

EAST COAST WHOLESALE PRICE

WEIGHTED AVERAGE ALL WEIGHTS



DISTRIBUTIVE CUT MARKET & RETAIL FEATURE ACTIVITY

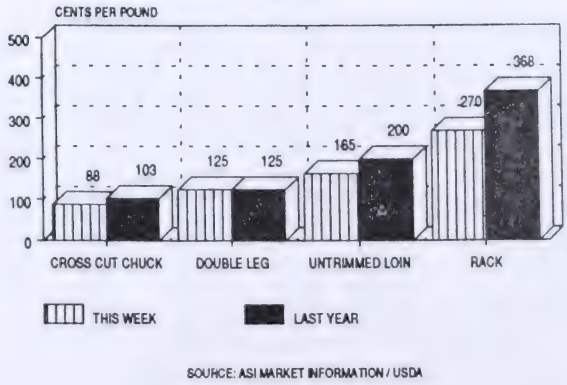
Business remained slow this week as consumers turned to hot dogs and hamburgers for the Forth of July weekend. Rack prices continued to strengthen nationwide. In the Northeast, chucks and loins held steady while racks were steady to 5 cents higher. Leg prices were lower this week moving 5-10 cents lower in the Northeast. Prices wee similar in California with racks moving 10 cents higher in Los Angeles, Calif., and 3 cents higher in San Francisco. Double legs on the West Coast held steady while single legs were 3-10 cents lower.

ITEM	NORTH-EAST	BAY AREA	LOS ANGELES	NORTH-WEST
CHUCK CROSS CUT	$ .80-.95	No Quote	No Quote	No Quote
CHUCK SQUARE CUT	No Quote	$1.12*	$.95*	$1.02*
SINGLE LEG	No Quote	$1.69*	$1.55*	$1.59*
DOUBLE LEG	$1.20-1.30	$1.50	$1.35	No Quote
LOIN	$1.55-1.75	$3.65*	$3.65*	$3.49*
RACK 7 UP	$2.60-2.80	$3.30	$3.20*	$3.29*
FORE SADDLE	No Quote	$1.30	$1.20	No Quote
HIND SADDLE	$1.35-1.50	$1.75	$1.65	No Quote

* Trimmed and/or vacuumed packed

EAST COAST CUT PRICES

AVERAGE



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July 15 - 18	The 1990 West Canadian National Goat Show will be held in conjunction with the Red Deer Westerner Exhibition. Booth space for displays is available. For further information contact Dorothy Broadbent, Ponoka, 783-5927.
July 15-17	Alberta Mohair Producers National West Angora and Dairy Goat Show. The Westener, Red Deer. Angora Judge - Mike Pember, Vandera, Texas. Prize money and trophies. 9 breed classes, herd classes, displays, etc. Help and sponsors are needed to make this a success. To help or for more information call Vera Wagar, Sylvan Lake, 887-5649, Jan Nesbitt, Lacombe, 782-34942 (After 6 PM), or May Johnson, Rimbey 748-2199 (After 6 PM).
July 26-28	Medicine Hat Exhibition and Stampede. Classes include Dorsets, Suffolks, Hampshires, Columbias and North Country Cheviots. For more information contact Medicine Hat Exhibition and Stampede, Box 1298, Medicine Hat T1A 7N1 or call 526-3979.
July 28	First Annual Tompkins Select Range Ram & Ewe Sale, Tompkins, Saskatchewan, 1:30 P.M. Consignors of wool breeds are encouraged to have their rams objectively measured (micron). All livestock must be in on July 27, 1990. Social gathering evening of the 27th. For entry forms phone (306) 295-3801. For details on objective measurement phone (306) 622-4907. A selection committee will be present.
July 28	Monthly Sheep and Goat Sale at Camrose Auction Market, 672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. For further information contact S. Spahic, Box 89, Hay Lakes, TOB 1WO, phone 878-3784.

July 31	Attention all Camrose area sheep producers. A meeting will be held tonight in the Camrose Agriculture office starting at 7:30 P.M. The topic of the talk will be successful sheep breeding. A sound breeding program takes a lot of good management and does not depend on luck. Come out and refresh yourselves before you start breeding your sheep. For further information contact Wray at 427-5083.
August 2	North-Central Sheep Sales. Fat and Feeder lambs. Edmonton Public Stockyards. Deadline for sheep deliveries at all sales is 9:00 A.M. For additional information (sheep) contact Bruce McGhan, Box 739, Calmar, TOC OVO, phone 985-3744 or John Bolay (goats), RR #1, Westlock, TOG 2LO, phone 349-5203.
August 3	Complete dispersal of Canada's largest 'Angora Goat Herd'. 1 P.M. Farm of Ken & Bev Kust, Kelsey, Alberta - 6 miles east of Camrose on Hwy #13 to #56, south to Sec. 609, east 2 1/2 miles. Sale consists of 7 registered bucks 3 to 7 yrs old, 4 registered yearling bucks, 23 registered yearling does, 17 registered 2 yr old does, 11 registered 3 yr old does, 150 commercial does, 180 commerical kids. This sale presents a chance to purchase breeding stock from one of Alberta's highest hair producing herds. Feel free to contact Ken or Bev at 375-2333 or Camrose Auction Co. Ltd. at 672-4496.
August 4-5	The Saskatchewan Sheep Breeders Association sale - previously hed at Vanscoy, will be held at the Lloydminster Exhibition grounds in 1990. The event includes shows and sales of all classes of sheep; a wool show; an expanded Junior Shepherd Show; a trade and craft display; dog trials, etc. The sale is open to all sheep producers. Entry forms and information from Lloydminster Exhibition Association, Box 690, Lloydminster, Saskatchewan, (306) 825-5571.
August 4-6	Grande Prairie Regional Fair. Classes include Hampshire, Suffolk, Columbia, Dorset and All Breeds plus Grades and Junior Classes. For more information contact Grande Prairie Regional Agricultural and Exhibition Society, Box 370, Grande Prairie, 532-3279 or call Randy Yaklin, Beaverlodge, 354-8189.

August 10-12	Welcome to the 90th Anniversary of the Mountain View County Fair, Olds, Alberta. Sheep Show Judging on August 11th at 1:00 P.M. in the new Agricultural Annex. Six major breeds to compete for $20,000 prize money available. This will be Canada's first **OPEN TO THE WORLD** Sheep Show in many years, designed to encourage open show entries from 4-H members, purchasers of test station rams, and newer beginner purebred flocks. Any purchased animal now become eligible for exhibit by any owner. Entries close July 21st (postmark). For prize list and entry forms, contact: Mr. Ernie Bird, Sec-Treas., Agricultural Entries Office, Box 2035, Olds, Alberta, TOP 1PO, phone 556-3770 (mornings).
August 12	Treco Ranch Second Annual Open House and Novice Dog Trial, At the Ranch, Starting at 1:30 P.M. Everyone Welcome -- Bring your lawn chair and enjoy the dogs and Treco Ranch hospitality. Further information and dog entries phone Tom at 749-2280 or Warren at 749-2023.
August 16	North-Central Sheep Sales. Fat and Feeder lambs. Edmonton Public Stockyards. Deadline for sheep deliveries at all sales is 9:00 A.M. For additional information (sheep) contact Bruce McGhan, Box 739, Calmar, TOC OVO, phone 985-3744 or John Bolay (goats), RR #1, Westlock, TOG 2LO, phone 349-5203.
August 18-19	**Breeding Management School**. Lakeland College, Vermilion. Topics to be covered include: in depth ram evaluation, ewe management and nutrition, pregnancy testing and synchronizing. Speakers include Anne McClelland, Ian Clarke, Wray Whitmore and Susan Hosford. For further information contact Robert Brad, Vermilion, 853-8583.
August 25	Angora Field Day. 10 A.M. Farm of Don & Helen Gladson, west of Pickardville. Topics to be discussed include everything from breeding and vet care to feeding and bookkeeping. A small concession will be set up or you can bring your own lunch. For additional information and directions to the farm call Don or Helen at 349-5392.

August 24	A Seminar on Crossbreeding will be held at the Capri Hotel in Red Deer at 7 P.M. The moderator will be Anne McClelland (Agriculture Canada - Lethbridge) with panelists outlining their experiences under on-farm conditions. They will present their views on the subject from different perspectives, and answer questions from the audience. The Seminar will be followed by a wine and cheese party and bearpit session. The Seminar is sponsored by Treco Ranch in conjunction with their production sale on Saturday, August 25 at the Westerner Grounds in Red Deer. There is no charge for the seminar, but advance registration is requested. A special room rate has been established at the Capri Centre. Phone Tom at 749-2280 for complete information and registration.
August 25	Treco Ranch and guest consignors production sale -- Entries geared to the beginning sheep breeder and the crossbreeder -- see press release elsewhere in this issue. Further information from Tom at 749-2280, Warren at 749-2023 or any of guest consignors.
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September 8 & 9	Ye Olde Sheep Faire, Red Deer Westerner. Details in following issues.
September 13	North-Central Sheep Sales. Fat and Feeder lambs. Edmonton Public Stockyards. Deadline for sheep deliveries at all sales is 9:00 A.M. For additional information (sheep) contact Bruce McGhan, Box 739, Calmar, TOC OVO, phone 985-3744 or John Bolay (goats), RR #1, Westlock, TOG 2LO, phone 349-5203.

September 27	North-Central Sheep Sales. Fat and Feeder lambs. Special Ewe Sale. Edmonton Public Stockyards. Deadline for sheep deliveries at all sales is 9:00 A.M. For additional information (sheep) contact Bruce McGhan, Box 739, Calmar, TOC OVO, phone 985-3744 or John Bolay (goats), RR #1, Westlock, TOG 2LO, phone 349-5203.
September 29	Monthly Sheep and Goat Sale at Camrose Auction Market, 672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. For further information contact S. Spahic, Box 89, Hay Lakes, TOB 1WO, phone 878-3784.
October 11	North-Central Sheep Sales. Fat and Feeder lambs. Special Goat Sale including Breeding Stock. Edmonton Public Stockyards. Deadline for sheep deliveries at all sales is 9:00 A.M. For additional information (sheep) contact Bruce McGhan, Box 739, Calmar, TOC OVO, phone 985-3744 or John Bolay (goats), RR #1, Westlock, TOG 2LO, phone 349-5203.
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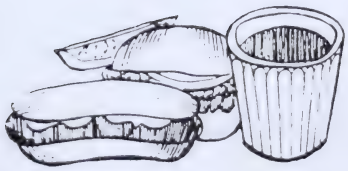
November 28 - December 2	Intermediate Sheep Management Workshop. Resource Person - William K. Kruesi, Wallingford, Vermont. Author - Sheep Raiser's Manual and full time sheep producer. Co-sponsored by the Cee-Der Sheep Products. Limited to 15 participants. Cost - $330.00 course registration, accommodation and meals. For further information contact Mr. Glynn Brooks, Cee-Der Chalets, Box 525, Canmore, Alberta TOL OMO or phone 678-5251.



Letters — Your Opinion

June 18, 1990

Sheep Footnotes
Editor
7000 - 113 Street #204
Edmonton, Alberta
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Dear Sir:

I would like to take this opportunity to reply to Mr. Eric Bjergso, comments on Romonov Wool.

There are not enough pure Romonov sheep in Canada to threaten anything. Those who raise pure Romonov and those who cross Romonov, are not all wool graders, but can see the faults in the wool. In a cross breeding program the benefits of the Romonov breed far outweigh the negative aspects of poorer quality wool. I have shipped 1/2 R x W.F. and 1/2 R x B.F. for the past three years and have not seen a negative factor in the bottom line. Perhaps when wool becomes a major factor, more than 10% of the gross, I will.

This year for the first time we shipped some 3/4 Romonov X and did notice a decline in the volume of the clip. At the time of writing I have not seen final payment. Maybe Carleton Place can get our final payment out within nine months.

The fact the C.C.W.G. were not consulted about the importing of a new sheep breed to Canada, must have been an oversight. GIVE ME A BREAK! Why would the Federal Government consult a private company about the importation of a new breed of sheep. As I said earlier, the benefits of Romonov in a crossbreeding program, far outweigh the alleged negatives of the wool.

There was some work done on the wool in a crossbreeding program by Dr. J. Vesley from the Agriculture Canada Research Station and the C.C.W.G. at Lethbridge and those published results also show a very small impact in a two cross program.

If the C.C.W.G. does not want the wool, they do not have to take it. They are not a cooperative, so they do as they please; ie. taking six to nine months to grade our wool as the price falls.

Maybe the volume of Romonov wool on hand at Carleton Place is so great they have no room to grade the other wool.

Yours truly,

Pat Barott

Pat Barott

P.S. For further information on Romonov sheep see the June issue of Shepherd magazine.

INFECTIOUS ABORTION IN EWES IN ALBERTA

Drs. Cornelia Kreplin and Ray Fenton
Animal Health Division
Alberta Agriculture

Reduced reproductive performance (infertility, abortion, stillbirth, etc) in sheep can be due to several different causes. The most common of these are suboptimal management and poor nutrition. Infectious diseases can cause severely depressed lambing percentages in affected flocks.

Enzootic Abortion of Ewes (EAE or Chlamydiosis) and Ovine Campylobacteriosis (OC) (formerly named Ovine Vibriosis) are frequently diagnosed in Alberta sheep flocks. Flock owners should commit themselves to a vaccination program aimed at minimizing the effect of these two diseases.

EAE and OC have many characteristics that are similar. It is important to understand how these diseases develop in a flock for purposes of control and prevention. Both diseases are transmitted primarily by ingestion of feedstuffs and water contaminated by infected faeces, vaginal discharges, fetal membranes, etc. After infection a sheep generally becomes a "carrier". These animals harbor organisms in their digestive tracts and shed them regularly in faeces. Carrier sheep are not easy to identify since they appear to be perfectly healthy.

The effects of EAE and OC are seen during pregnancy. Organisms migrate from the digestive to the reproductive tract where they cause placentitis (inflammation of the afterbirth). This results in inadequate oxygen and nutrient transfer to unborn lambs and eventual abortion or stillbirth.

The flock owner is usually alerted when several abortions occur within a short time. Occasionally he will find aborted fetuses in a pasture and not be able to identify the ewe that aborted. Alternatively, the producer may notice ewes with brown odorous vaginal discharges that appear depressed, are not eating and have a fever. After examination it is apparent that the ewe is carrying dead lambs.

Because the aborted lambs look absolutely normal, diagnosis is difficult and requires a comprehensive post-mortem examination by a veterinarian. Samples of aborted fetuses and placenta should be sent to a diagnostic laboratory for confirmation.

Once a diagnosis has been made, your veterinarian may recommend treatment of ewes with antibiotics to slow the rate of abortion. Antibiotic types and dosages vary but none are 100% effective. However, there are some common sense things a flock owner can do to minimize the continued spread of disease. These include:

(1) segregation of aborting ewes from the primary flock
(2) collect and burn or bury all aborted fetuses and placenta
(3) feed sheep in troughs or from mangers to reduce contamination of feedstuffs with organisms
(4) clean and disinfect lambing pens between each ewe
(5) turn the primary flock out in a large pen thus minimizing the chances of individuals coming in contact with organisms.

The good news is that the economic loss and hardship created by abortion storms caused by either EAE or OC can be prevented. Several vaccine products are available in Alberta.

(1) ABORTAVAC is a vaccine marketed by Vetrepharm Inc. that can be purchased from your veterinarian. It is a killed vaccine that generates protection against three organisms - Chlamydia psittaci (EAE) as well as Campylobacter jejuni and Campylobacter fetus subsp fetus both of which cause OC.

(2) ENZABORT is produced by Colorado Serum Co. and is available at the Wool Growers in Stony Plain and from your local veterinarian. The new product generates immunity to C. psittaci (EAE), C. fetus subsp fetus and C. jejuni.

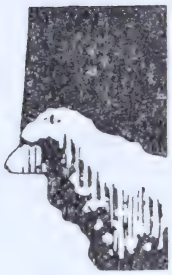
The cost of Abortabac and Enzabort is similar.

(3) Campylobacter fetus Bacterin is also available at the Wool Growers. This vaccine generates protection only against OC and not against EAE and should be used in select circumstances.

Either Abortavac or Enzabort should be given to each ewe annually 4 to 6 weeks before the breeding season. First lamb ewes are most susceptible and should be vaccinated twice, the last vaccine given at least two weeks before exposure to the ram.

Even though carrier sheep are the most common method by which these diseases are introduced to a flock, other vectors (magpies, crows, etc.) have been implicated. For this reason and the fact that treatment is not 100% effective we recommend that all breeding flocks be vaccinated annually for EAE and OC. If possible, new purchases should not be mixed with heavily pregnant ewes and actually should be isolated until they and the primary flock are adequately immunized. Following these guidelines is an effective way to minimize transmission of both diseases.

Remember C. psittaci (EAE) and C. jejuni (OC) can, on occasion, cause disease in human beings. Adequate protection (coveralls, gloves) should be worn when handling aborted fetuses and hands should be washed thoroughly after leaving the barn.



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ALBERTA SHEEP AND WOOL CHECKOFF UPDATE

Alberta sheep and wool producers, dealers, brokers, feedlot operators, agents, exporters, truckers, processors, auction marts, and others should be aware that the Alberta Sheep & Wool Commission check-off is to be paid on all sheep, lambs, and wool being exported out of the province. In order to see to it that this requirement is applied fairly and equitably, the Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission has recently come to an agreement with the US Customs Service and Canadian provincial sheep organizations in regards to sheep and wool shipments out of Alberta. The U.S. Customs Service and cooperating provincial organizations will now be providing the Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission with the names and quantities of all those involved with the exportation of sheep and wool to the USA or other provinces.

We therefore encourage all those involved in the exportation of sheep and wool out of Alberta to see to it that the appropriate check-offs for sheep and wool is forwarded to the Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission office.

For further information and checkoff deduction forms please contact the Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission office at:

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1990 Board of Directors

At a recent meeting of the ASWC Board of Directors a new executive committee was elected along with new elections and appointments to the various committees and organizations that the ASWC is involved with.

1990 Board of Directors

Chairman	- Gerry Pittman, Director, Zone #2
Vice Chairman	- Kathy Playdon, Director, Zone #6
Director	- Morag Othen, Director, Zone #7
Director	- Lois George, Director, Zone #5
Director	- Ian Clark, Director, Zone #4
Director	- Clarence Jones, Director, Zone #3
Director	- Sten Lundberg, Director, Zone #1

Promotion Committee

Chairman	- Kathy Playdon
Director	- Clarence Jones
Director	- Sten Lundberg
Director of Promotions	- Pat Hardy
Alberta Agriculture	- Susan Kitchen
Lambco	- Gerry Kelly

Production Committee

Chairman	- Morag Othen
Director	- Ian Clark
Director	- Lois George
Alberta Agriculture	- Cathy Gallivan
Alta. Sheep Breeders Assoc.	- Edith Williams
Animal Ind. Sheep Sub Com.	- Jerry Reti

Appointments to committees and associations.

ROP Comm.	- Ian Clark
	- Pat Barrott
Alta. Feed Grain Users Assoc.	- Gerry Pittman
Alta. Food Processors Assoc.	- Sten Lundberg
Animal Ind. Sheep Sub Com.	- Ian Clark
Canadian Sheep Federation	- Gerry Pittman

Chairman's Report

Which way to go with Lambco?

Lately the Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission has come under some criticism for its apparent reluctance to take a stand one way or another, on the Lambco divestiture issue. Perhaps it would be wise to look at some of the ramifications from a realistic point of view.

A year ago it would have been difficult indeed, to find a sheep producer who didn't have a list of complaints regarding Lambco. It may have been the long back-ups, or the limited through-put, or the apparent lack of aggressive marketing, or low prices, or whatever. Then the Alberta Government announced it would like to sell Lambco, and it became apparent that they meant it. Now, all of a sudden, many producers insist that the Lambco plant is the greatest thing that ever happened to the industry, and it is vital to their very existence, and they don't want anything changed!

Another confusing problem is that the Province has come quite polarized, North-South over the issue. The northern half of the province generally seems to think the plant would be best left alone and should continue to operate just as it now is, and control should remain in the hands of the Government. The southern half of the province, on the other hand, seems to think that it would be better sold to the private sector, thereby creating more aggressiveness and competition.

The Board of Directors of the Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission is faced with the task of identifying a position which represents the desires of the majority of the producers in the Province. Because opinions are so divergent, this became a difficult task.

The Government definitely intends to divest itself of Lambco and they would prefer to do this by direct sale. The Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission has asked the Minister to consider options other than direct sale, such as a lease, or Crown Corporation, or whatever. The Minister, The Honorable Ernie Isley has assured us they will consider other options, but that a sale is the number one priority.

The Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission has now gone on record as being in favor of a change in the operation of the plant, and that the change should include options other than direct sale. We have been invited by the Government to sit on the bid review panel which will convene after the bid process closes.

We have been asked for, and have given advice to the Government on the process up to this point and I am confident that the needs of producers will be carefully considered in whatever transactions take place from this point on. If all the conditions of sale are not met by any prospective bidder, the plant simply will not be sold.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of this procedure, please call or fax me at the following numbers.

My phone number is 757-2480
Fax: 757-2480.

Gerry Pittman, Chairman
Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission

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LOUSANA ALBERTA JUNE 14 1990

TRECO RANCH & GUEST CONSIGNORS TO HOLD PRODUCTION SALE

TOM EGGERTSON, WARREN MOORE AND GUEST CONSIGNORS HAVE ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WILL DEFY TRADITION AND SPONSOR **A PRODUCTION SALE AT THE WESTERNER EXPOSITION GROUNDS IN RED DEER ON SATURDAY AUGUST 25th AT 1:30 P.M.**

THE GUEST CONSIGNORS INCLUDE AGRICULTURE CANADA-LETHBRIDGE; OLDS COLLEGE; BRIGHTBANK FINNSHEEP; IAN & DEB CLARK; TOM EGGERTSON; 4-S LIVESTOCK; AL MCGUIRE; MOORE HAUSER SHEEP; R.J. SHOWN JIM & JO-ANNE PEARSON; THIRSTY FOX FARMS; WACO LIVESTOCK AND JOHN & EDITH WILLIAMS.

THE BREEDS REPRESENTED WILL INCLUDE ARCOTT; COLUMBIA; DORSET; FINNISH LANDRACE; HAMPSHIRE; NORTH COUNTRY CHEVIOT; POLYPAY; RAMBOUILLET; ROMANOV; SUFFOLK AND COMMERCIAL CROSSES OF THE ABOVE.

THERE WILL BE 200 HEAD OF REGISTERED PUREBRED AND CROSSBRED FEMALES; 40 HEAD OF REGISTERED PUREBRED AND PUREBRED CROSSED RAMS; 2 VASECTOMIZED "TEASER" RAMS AND 2 "BEGINNERS FLOCKS" OF PROVEN-MATURE-EASY LAMBING FEMALES COMPLETE WITH A RAM.

THE BEGINNERS FLOCKS ARE A NEW TYPE OF OFFERING, DESIGNED FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN STARTING IN THE SHEEP BUSINESS WITHOUT THE HASSLE OF BUYING VIRGIN EWE LAMBS, A RAM, AND HOPEFULLY GETTING THEM BRED AND THEN GOING THROUGH THE PROBLEMS OF LAMBING EWE LAMBS WITH NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE (ON THE PART OF BOTH THE LAMBS AND THE BREEDER!). THESE FLOCKS COME COMPLETE WITH A COPY OF A SHEEP PRODUCTION MANUAL !

AGRICULTURE CANADA-LETHBRIDGE WILL BE CONSIGNING A GROUP OF ROMANOV RAMS AND PERCENTAGE FEMALES, AND THIS WILL BE THE ONLY OPPORTUNITY TO BUY AG-CANADA LETHBRIDGE STOCK THIS YEAR.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND CATALOGUES CONTACT WARREN MOORE (749-2023) TOM EGGERTSON (749-2280) OR ANY OF THE GUEST CONSIGNORS, OR WRITE TRECO RANCH AT RR#2 LOUSANA TOM-1KO.

WITH THE CURRENT LAMB PRICES THIS COULD BE A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO EITHER GET STARTED IN THE SHEEP BUSINESS OR ADD TO YOUR FLOCK AT A REASONABLE COST AND BE IN A POSITION TO PROFIT BY THE INCREASED PRICES THAT WILL SURELY COME !

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The Disposal of Dead Sheep

Several producers have called our office recently expressing concerns on how to dispose of sheep or lamb carcasses. Because of the situation in Britain, rendering companies will no longer accept sheep in Alberta. This is now the case for most of North America. There are two options for disposal available to sheep producers. The carcass can either be burned or it can be buried.

Animal incinerators are available to producers. Poultry operations use them routinely. Recent information supplied to me indicates that an incinerator large enough for sheep costs approximately $3,500.00. It is my understanding that incinerators are to be licensed by Alberta Environment. Some examples of the costs of incineration are:

	BTU Required	Fuel Oil	Propane	Natural Gas
90 lb lamb	75,000	$7.25	$8.05	$2.50
300 lb ram	2,500,000	$24.10	$26.80	$7.75

Another alternative to burning is burial on the farm. This would involve a back hoe trench with lime and 4 feet of earth over the carcass. This could be a problem in areas with a high water table or in the middle of winter.

Landfill sites are another way of disposing of carcasses. Right now most landfill sites don't want to accept any animal carcasses. The rules and regulations that govern landfill sites are under the control of public health. The regulations state that municipalities shall provide, operate and supervise one or more waste disposal systems for the sanitary disposal of all waste or refuse created in both urban and rural municipalities. As rate payers, you should have access to waste disposal service. The disposal of agricultural wastes including dead animals in a waste management facility is permitted providing that the waste management facility is approved to receive such wastes. In all likelihood a sanitary landfill under daily supervision and maintenance would have an area specifically designated for dead animals. Anyone needing to dispose of dead animals should contact the local board (Health Unit) for their jurisdiction or the waste management authority for conformation or approvals.

Hopefully this will help you in dealing with a problem unique to sheep production.

I would like to thank Wayne Winchell, Regional Agricultural Engineer and Corey Loessin, District Agriculturist for providing information on incineration.

Wray Whitmore

Breeding Soundness Evaluation of Rams

Will your rams make you money or will they cost you money? Another breeding season will soon be here. While the condition of the ewe flock is important to successful breeding, producers should not overlook the rams which are essential to a sound breeding program. Ram fertility is critical to a purebred breeder producing breeding stock. The ram makes the major contribution to genetic improvement in a flock. In order for a ram to pass on its genetic superiority to many offspring, he must be fertile. A fertile ram will help increase twining and lamb viability while adding genetic superiority and fertility to his offspring.

Ram fertility is also very important to the commercial breeder producing market lambs. There are very few sterile rams, but subfertile rams are common and can markedly reduce production efficiency. The 1989 Alberta Ram Test Station had an average price of $520.00 paid for a ram. Several factors other than the initial purchase price must be considered by a buyer. These include depreciation, interest on investment, death loss, veterinary services, labor and overhead (Table 1). This is an example of the annual costs of maintaining a $520.00 ram:

Table 1

Depreciation 3 years	$ 173.33
Interest on Investment @ 14%	72.80
Death Loss 15%	78.00
Labor	20.00
Overhead (facilities)	20.00
Veterinary Services	10.00
Annual Cost Excluding Purchase & Feed Costs	$ 374.13

The cost of the ram is paid for by the lambs he produces. If a ram produces 25 lambs annually, the cost per lamb is $14.97. But if a highly fertile, physically sound ram is able to produce 200 lambs then the cost per lamb is $1.87.

When market lambs are worth $70.00/100 lb each 10% reduction in lambing rate due to subfertile rams costs $700.00 for each 100 ewes in the flock. The open ewe costs your farm the amount equal to the value of her lambs, her feed costs, depreciation, interest on investment etc. The yearly expense for each ewe can be $65 - 85.00 without including her purchase price.

Late lambs, which can be due to subfertile rams, results in lowered weaning weights. These lowered weaning weights cost you money and drag out the marketing of your lamb crop. A long, drawn out lambing season is also hard on any shepherds constitution and should be avoided at all costs.

A breeding soundness examination (BSE) is used to evaluate a rams potential fertility. A breeding soundness examination is comprised of both a thorough physical including examination of the reproductive organs, and a semen evaluation. A qualified veterinarian can perform a breeding soundness evaluation for you. Each ram to be used for breeding purposes should be tested every year. A BSE should be performed as close to the start of breeding as possible so that questionable or unsatisfactory potential breeders (after two tests) can be replaced.

Remember evaluating ram fertility does not cost you money, it makes you money. For further information, contact your local veterinarian or sheep specialist.

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For those of us who love BBQ's in the summer - especially lamb chops or kabobs - here's a delicious salad to go along with your meal!

Oriental Salad

Toast 3/4 cup sliced almonds

Combine:
1/3 cup oil
1 tablespoon soya sauce
1 tablespoon sugar
1 tablespoon wine vinegar
1 pkg Ichoban or Japanese noodles soup base

Mix Well.

Chop 1/2 cabbage and 1 pkg crushed dry Ichoban noodles.
Add almonds.
Shortly before serving pour dressing on salad.

The Classifieds

FOR SALE - SHEEP

200 POLYPAY ewe lambs in June and July. 70 1-3 yr old ewes in July. Pat Kirk, Calmar, 985-3272 (7)

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WE DECIDED to keep last year's ewe lambs and lamb them out and are we glad we did! These gals lambed out at 12-14 months of age, weaned a 218% lamb crop and their lambs averaged 1.14 lbs/day to 50 days. Clear Hills Finnsheep is selling the last of its Finns - the best in North America. Call about these yearling ewes today. Also for sale, are the FxD ewe lambs and ram lambs off of these ewes. Call Tina, 971-2408 (7)

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1 YEARLING Romanov/Dorset cross ram - $200. 1 Suffolk ram - Waco Force One 3X - twin - born Jan '88. Larry & Kristi Roy, Innsifree, 592-2183 (7)

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PUREBRED RAMBOUILLET yearling rams. Happy Valley Farms bloodlines. Contact Gerald (306) 662-3190 or Delbert (306) 662-3885, Maple Creek, Sask. (7)

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POLYPAY RAM, 3 yrs old - $200 no papers. Call Norman (604) 838-7368 before 8 AM Pacific time (7)

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QUALITY PUREBRED Hampshire ram. Born Jan 23/90. Linda, Olds, 556-6687 (7)

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REGISTERED DORSETS - 1 - 2 yr old ram, 2 yearling rams. Ewe & ram lambs. Registered Suffolk ewe and ram lambs. Patric Lyster, Vilna, 636-2007 (7)

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REGISTERED SUFFOLK ram lambs. Also 1 registered North Country Cheviot ram lamb. Vivian, Bruderheim, 796-3556 (7)

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YOU NEED a ram, you need selection. Come to Treco Ranch and take your pick from the 60+ rams offered this year. Choose from Suffolk, Columbia, Polypays or Rambouillets. Last year we offered 40 and sold 37. With the recent purchase of the majority of the famous Waco ewes and lambs we are able to add another "batch" to select from. Also selling teaser rams, 3 - 3 yr vasectomized Dorsets - your pick - $100. Phone Warren Moore, Treco Ranch, Lousana, 749-2023 (7)

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REGISTERED SUFFOLK ewe lambs and rams. 21 years ROP tested. Brian Kure, Spruce View, 728-3744 or 728-3361 (7)

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ROP TESTED Suffolk & Dorset ram lambs and yearling rams. Selected for rate of gain and multiple births. Also, Dorset\Suffolk cross and purebred Suffolk ewe lambs. Dennis Pasichney, Wild & Wooly Sheep Enterprises, Redwater, 942-4537 (7)

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YEARLING RAMS - 2 Cheviot & 2 Dorset. Fine animals, purbred but no papers - $200 each. Yearling ewes - Excellent Suffolk, Dorset and Cheviot crosses. No problems and no disease - $120. Commercial ewes - excellent 2 & 3 yr olds. All have lambed at least twice. Selling to reduce commercial flock. Pat de Rosemond, Carstairs, 337-2800 (7)

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HAMPSHIRE & Dorset ewes and rams. Randy Yaklin, Beaverlodge, 354-8189 (7)

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CAMPSIE COVE mini-farm now has Finn rams and ewe lambs. Also Angora and Hollandlop rabbits. Robert Paquin, Barrhead, 674-2968 (7)

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30 OUTAOUAIS Arcott ewe lambs. 65 Polypay ewe lambs. Richard Van Ee, Vermilion, 853-2730 (After 6 PM) (7)

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COLUMBIA RAM, purebred with papers. 1 yr old - $300. Carol, Athabasca, 675-2945 or 675-2951 (7)

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150 SUFFOLK & Suffolk/Hampshire cross ewe lambs. Available now. Also Finn ram and ewe lambs that will be ready in July. Mike Wurz, Morinville Colony, 939-2118 (7:30-8 AM or after 7 PM) (7)

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18 SUFFOLK ewes. Ages 3-5 yrs. Weaned in January. Good condition - $70. 10 Suffolk yearling ewe lambs. Kure & Fowler breeding. Good size - $80. Ed Fortna, Airdrie, 948-7674 (7)

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RAMBOUILLET FLOCK. 45 ewes 1-4 yrs old with May lambs. Ray Rink, Stony Plain, 963-3058 (7)

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CLUN FOREST registered ewe lambs, ram lambs and ewes. A medium sized breed, excellent mothers, free of lambing troubles, lots of milk, excellent for crossing on any breed. Crosses are prolific and thrifty. Don Spicer, Cochrane, 262-5717 or 932-4262 after 7 PM (7)

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38 DORSET/Suffolk & Finn/Suffolk cross ewes. 2nd & 3rd lamb crop. 1990 crop in excess of 200%. $100 per ewe. Keith, Camrose, 672-6115 (7)

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FINN/SUFFOLK cross ram. Bill, Boyle, 689-2408 (8)

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HERD DISPERSAL - 80 head purebred Suffolk ewes - 2-4 yrs. Also selling papered Suffolk rams 2,3 and 4 yrs old. Call Rose, Buck Lake, 388-2321 (8)

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85 DORSET and Dorset/Finn cross young ewes. 20 Dorset/Finn cross ewe lambs, December born. Phyllis Wagar, Wetaskiwin, 352-3439 (8)

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20 PUREBRED Suffolk ewe lambs, 10 purbred Suffolk ram lambs, 90 commercial ewe lambs, 12 commercial cross ram lambs. Production records on all these sheep are available. Leg-a-Lamb Farm, Jim or Susan, Waskatenau, 358-2508 (8)

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1 TO 3 yr old ewes - Finn/Columbia/Rambouillet cross, Polypay/Finn cross, 7/8 Finn, 1/2 to 31/32 Romonov cross (ewes and lambs). Complete birthing and health records available. Also purebred Romonov rams and crossbred Romonov ewe lambs (from 3/4's to 31/32 nds). Highly prolific and early maturing, out of season breeding, excellent mothers. All ewes can be individually tipped and inspected. Lyle Bowles, Maple Creek, Saskatchewan, 306-662-2916 (8)

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PUREBRED YEARLING rams. 'Don't send a lamb to do a rams job'. Quality Suffolk or North Country Cheviot. Buy early for a better selection. Rick Sandham, Caroline, 722-2440 (8)

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CANADIAN ARCOTT rams after August - all 8 from twin sets 1990. Place orders early for these registered animals. J & A Grosseth, St. Paul, 724-2458 (8)

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60 EWE lambs and ram lambs. January born. Happy Valley breeding. Some yearling rams. Some are crosses and some purebred with papers. Gary Boyd, Leduc, 986-8797 (8)

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ARCOTT RAM and ewe lambs. 7 Arcott ewes 2-4 yrs old. 1 - 3 yr old Arcott ram. Marti, High River, 652-3722 (8)

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SUFFOLK RAM - $125 or best offer. Sandra, Stony Plain, 963-5642 (8)

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AFTER JULY 15th, registered North Country Cheviot mature ewes and rams. Registered ewe and ram lambs and grade ewe lambs. Lyle Hamer, Red Water, 942-4184 (8)

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1 REGISTERED Border Leicester ram. Eckehart Marenholtz, Flatbush, 681-2430 (8)

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COMMERCIAL EWE lambs. Suffolk/Dorset and Finn/Rambouillet breeding. Presently at community pasture. Will breed ewes for buyer. Cheylee Farm, Bruce or Marilyn, Calmar, 985-3744 (8)

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1 - 4 yr old Corriedale ram and 1 Jacob ram 2 yrs old. $95 each. R. Spicer, Wynndel, B.C., 604-866-5402 (8)

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DISPERSAL OF small commercial flock of Suffolk-Cheviot cross ewes. 1 - 5 yr old - $75 each. Outstanding registered Suffolk ram. Born December 31/88 - $250. Contact Helen Pierce, Thorhild, 576-2249 or Collen Pierce, Lac La Biche, 623-3386 (8)

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15 SUFFOLK ewes, 10 Suffolk ewes. Good replacement stock or nice flock for beginner. 1 registered Suffolk ram, 9 withers. Going out of business. Dianne, Calgary, 279-9234 (8)

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PUREBRED SUFFOLK yearling and ram lambs on ROP. Call Greg Alexander, Airdrie, 948-2271 (8)

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TWIN & triplet ewe lambs. Finn/Suffolk/Rambouillet and Romonov/Suffolk/Rambouillet breeding. Jan-Feb born. Brian & Rena Waite, Killam, 385-2335 (8)

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2 PUREBRED Dorset rams, 2 yrs old, $225 each with papers. 1 purebred Suffolk ram, 2 yrs old, $225, no papers. 1 Merino x Rambouillet, yearling, $227. The ewe flock has been sold and now the rams must go. Lawinda Miller, Rolling Hills, 964-2171 (8)

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REGISTERED ROMONOV 2 yr old ewe, had repeated healthy triplets. Purebred Romonov yearling ram, very good disposition and sired good lambs. 3 purebred lambs, 2 ram and 1 ewe - $250 each adult and $200 each lamb or will make package deals. Also offering reservation on Jacob ram lamb if born next spring - this year's lamb appeared to have good characteristics. D.M. Adams, Creston, B.C. 604-428-7840 (8)

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COMPLETE DISPERSAL of 55 well culled ewes. Suffolk-Southdown cross. Lee or Glayds Davis, Niton Junction, 795-2203 (8)

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WINDOVER FARM has 7 commercial polled Dorset ewe lambs. These are January born lambs out of easy lambing mothers. For further information call Pete McCart, 728-3035 or FAX 227-4243, Spruce View (8)

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1- 4 YR old registered Suffolk ram - WACO breeding. 1 purebred Dorset ram. Both proven breeders. April born ram and ewe lambs - twins and triplets. High indexing. Robert & Mary Ann, Spedden, 636-2851 (8)

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8 EXPERIENCED Rambouillet ewes (also available with lambs at foot - good for the beginning shepherd). 20 commercial ewe lambs - Rambouillet/Suffolk cross and Dorset cross. Of interest to weavers - 5 yearling ewes 1/2 Border Leicester and 1/2 Rambouillet. All from healthy flock being dispersed for fall acquisition of a purebred Rambouillet flock. Palisade Farms, Strathmore, 934-3675 (8)

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BLACK SHEEP including 1 Polypay/Finn ram out of Quintin breeding. 1 Rambouillet/Finn ram out of Olds College breeding. 18 ewes - yearlings to 5 yrs. Easy lambers - only 1 assit in 5 years. 4 ewe lambs born Dec - early Jan. All twins or have twins. Mary, Sundre, 556-2884 (8)

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2 YR old Cheviot/Dorset ram. Has very nice lambs - $200. Fred, Mayerthorpe, 786-4432 (8)

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GOOD COMMERCIAL black face triplet ewe lambs - $80 each. Mrs. Ruecker, Cherhill, 785-2084 (8)

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FLOCK DISPERSAL. 80 Suffolk crossbred ewes 2-3 yrs - $100. 30 Suffolk/Finn cross ewe lambs - $85. 1 teaser ram, 1 Suffolk/Finn cross ram. Joanne, Ponoka, 783-2600 (8)

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150 SUFFOLK/RAMBOUILLET cross and Suffolk/Clun Forest cross ewe lambs. Terry or Susan Grant, Standard, 644-2448 (evenings) (8)

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COMPLETE FLOCK dispersal. Suffolk/Dorset cross. 63 ewes, spring lambs and 1 ram. Barb, St. Paul, 645-5523 (late evenings) (8)

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HERD DISPERSAL. Quality crossbred Romonov ewes and ewe lambs. Garry Nixon, Botha, 574-2166 (8)

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POLYPAY PUREBRED rams. Twins & triplets. Born Nov 1/89 - Jan 1/90. Lawrence, Vulcan, 485-6646 (8)

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2 SUFFOLK rams. 4 yrs old. $100 each O.B.O. Irven Squire, Youngstown, 779-2196 (mornings) (8)

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FOR HEALTH reasons - 80 ewes, Finn/Hampshire and their crosses - 1-7 yrs old. All lambed out. 2 purebred Hampshire rams 3-5 yrs old. 3 Finn rams. 2 cows - 1 - 5 yr old - hand milker and 1 - 2 yr old heifer and her daughter. Also some goats. Ed & Ursula Jones, Athabasca, 675-4099 (8)

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RAMBOUILLET EWES and rams. Unregistered purebred yearlings. 7 healthy ewes ready for breeding. Choice range rams - 2 pens to select from. Whiffletree Farm, Delburne, 749-2381 (8)

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1 BLACK Rambouillet/Suffolk cross ram 3 yrs old. Proven breeder. Has a fine black fleece - $125. 1 Romonov/Suffolk ram lamb. Born Jan '90. Fast growing - $200. 2 registered North Country Cheviot rams. Born March '89 - $250 each. Lori Williamson, Stettler, 742-1854 (8)

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40 ROMONOV/RAMBOUILLET ewe lambs. 25 - 1/2 Suffolk, 1/4 Rambouillet and 1/4 Romonov ewe lambs. John Klok, Picture Butte, 738-4388 (8)

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10 COMMERCIAL Suffolk ewe lambs. From sound flock. Born in January - $90 each. Brigit Hofer, Olds, 556-3146 (8)

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COMMERCIAL AND purebred Suffolk ram lambs and ewe lambs. These animals are ROP tested and selected so as to offer only the top performing animals for sale. Complete records on dams and sires available. CAll 556-2802, Sundre (8)

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FOR SALE - GOATS

REGISTERED NIGERIAN dwarf Billy - black & white. Vivian, Bruderheim, 796-3556 (7)

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PYGMY GOATS. 1 yearling Billy - white/brown/black, 2-3 months old. Billies - one black & white, the other white/brown/black - $75 each, 1-3 months old. Nanny - black & white - $100. Myrna, Ponoka, 783-2942 (7)

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ANGORA GOATS. 6 registered bucks, 1 purebred unregistered buck, 10 registered does with kids, 5 registered yearling does, 2 purebred unregistered does with kids, 4 wethers, age range 1986-1990. All shots given. Mary Conway, Sundre, 638-3284 (7)

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2 ANGORA does 3 & 5 yrs old. Call Bruce or Marilyn, Calmar, 985-3744 (8)

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PYGMY GOATS. 3 Nannies - 2-3 yrs old. Marti, High River, 652-3722 (8)

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NUBIAN DOES & kids. George Lauf, Sherwood Park, 922-4740 (8)

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1 BIG beautiful registered Saanen buck, 3 Saanen milking does, 2 big yearlings, 2 - 5 month old doelings. All tattooed and papered. They are beautiful tame animals. Must sell them due to

business commitment. Call Erika, 337-2496 (Home, Carstairs) or 556-2299 (Bussiness, Olds) (8)

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1990 MODEL purebred and grade Nigerian dwarf brown kids. Jeannette Gross, Hanna, 854-2208 (8)

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FROM EXCELLENT milking does - 7/8 Nubian doe kids - $50 each. 1 first kidder with 2 doe kids - $200. 7/8 Nubian buck kids - $50 each. Mrs. Ruecker, Cherhill, 785-2084 (8)

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VARIETY OF goats. Sue Cumming, Ft. Saskatchewan area, 998-0170 (8)

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FOR SALE - DOGS

PUREBRED BELGIAN sheep dog female, 1 yr old - $200. Also Belgian sheepdog male, 3 months puppy. Both have had all shots, are tatooed with papers. Call Carol, Athabasca, 675-2945 or 675-2951 (7)

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PUREBRED KOMONDOR and purebred Border Collie pups. Excellent dogs. Kirk Seaborn, Rock Mtn House, 729-2267 (7)

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PUPS OF "Jill' and the imported Welsh 'Bwlch Taff'. Jill is by the world champion sheep dog Jess. This is one of the greatest crosses in North America. All pups guaranteed, wormed and first shots. Started and trained dogs for sale most of the time. We take in a few outside dogs for training. Ron Gale, Sundre, 638-2836 (7)

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REGISTERED AUSTRALIAN Sheperd pups, sired by Zephyr's Kootenae Brown who scored 95 out of 100 points by the American Aussie Stock Dog Club and was rated Ranch Dog Excellent. Ask for Lynn or Dennis, Redwater, 942-4537 (7)

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PUREBRED AUSTRALIAN Kelpie puppies, excellent stock dogs - $150. Contact Jim, Calgary, 288-5405 (7)

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BORDER COLLIE - We have a few pups sired by out Scottish imported dog Cap, the dam of these pups is our little female Trix. These pups will develop into calm, collected, natural working stock dogs. We offer training assistance, also stud service to Cap. Visit us and see all of our dogs perform. Harry Craig, Bentley, 748-2126 (8)

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REGISTERED BORDER Collie puppies. Excellent bloodlines. Born May 12/90. Eckehart Marenholtz, Flatbush, 681-2430 (8)

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FOR SALE - MISCELLANEOUS

PATRICK GREEN bench model battmaker and a Paula's picker. Ideal for anyone interested in making wool comforters. $1,500 for the two - <u>will not</u> sell them separately. Ellen Munro, Edson, 397-2204 (7)

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SHEARING MACHINE complete with motor, solid shaft, hand piece, comb and cutter. Good working order. R. Spicer, Wynndel, B.C. (604) 866-5402 (7)

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2 GELDED donkey Jacks and 1 Jenny. Elizabeth Boardman, Ponoka, 783-3480 (8)

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1 PORTABLE goat milking machine - $100. 1 electric dehorner - used only twice - $35. Mrs. Ruecker, Cherhill, 785-2084 (8)

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SMALL STANDARD 40 inch Jennies. 1 - 5 yr old bred, 1 yearling and 1 - 8 months old. Jeanette Gross, Hanna, 854-2208 (8)

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IN PREPARATION for breeding and showing, we have Mastermark ram harnesses and crayons, foot trimmers, halters, carders, tattoo equipment and your necessary vaccines. We ship via mail, bus and courier on same day service. Cee-Der Sheep Products, Canmore, 678-2220 or visit our showroom. (8)

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1 SET Sunbeam Oster electric clippers. Wide sheep head. 150 watt motor. Next to new. With 4 combs, 4 cutters - $150. 1 set Sunbeam Stewart electric clippers. Narrow sheep head. Rebuilt. 2 combs, 4 cutters - $100. Nick & Janet Warner, Crossfield, 946-5290 (8)

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SHEEP SUPPLIES. Canes, shears, lambing supplies, etc. Cheylee Farm & Tack Supply, Calmar, 985-3744 (8)

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PURE WOOL handmade saddle blankets 32" x 32" approx. 1" thick. Could be used for other purposes - $125

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FOR SALE OR TRADE

SOUTHDOWN CROSS Finn ram from triplets $150 or trade for 2 rams. Merlayne Reilly, Stony Plain, 963-7508 (7)

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3 REGISTERED Hampshire ram lambs. Born early February 1990. Will sell or trade for registered Hampshire or Columbia ewes. George or Christine Vanderberg, Monarch, 381-4147 (7)

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THIS YEARS rams for sale or trade for this years hay. Leave message on machine at 724-3158, Elk Point. (7)

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TWO PUREBRED Finn lamb rams (twins). Will take trade on 1 Finn ram for another. Also, purebred Finn lamb ram from a set of triplets. Harvey, Barrhead, 674-3413 (after 7 PM) (8)

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2 REGISTERED Romney ram lambs - $350 each or trade for registered Romney ewes. J. Thiessen, Grimshaw, 971-2493 (8)

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REGISTERED FINN ram. 2 yrs old for registered Suffolk ram. Bill, Boyle, 689-2408 (8)

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WANTED - SHEEP

RARE OR unusual breeds of sheep. Pat de Rosemond, Carstairs, 337-2800 (7)

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1 FINN/Rambouillet cross ram. Brian McLeod, Entwhistle, 727-2627 (7)

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FEEDER LAMBS or goats. Jean Bolay, Westlock, 349-5203 (7)

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WANTED - GOATS

CULLED GOATS. Al McQuire, Ponoka, 783-2942 (evenings) (7)

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WANTED - MISCELLANEOUS

3 POINT hitch hay rake. Larry or Kristi Roy, Innisfree, 592-2183 (7)

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A NEWLY weaned female donkey to use as sheep guardian. Lyle Bowles, Maple Creek, Saskatchewan, 306-662-2916 (8)

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COMPLETE SET of sheep green certificate manuals. Randy Dye, 224-2723 or 749-2280 (8)

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HELP AVAILABLE

CUSTOM SHEARER. Available Peace region. Randy Yaklin, Beaverlodge, 354-8189 (7)

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PROFESSIONAL RELIABLE. South-central Alberta, Nick Warner, Austech, Crossfield, 946-5290 (8)

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"LANGENHOFF TRUCKING" - Wanted lambs, ewes, rams, move them when you want. Drop off points - Lethbridge, Blackie and Red Deer. For further information call Floyd/Leanna, Blackie at 684-3573 (7)

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CUSTOM QUILTING Services, and much more. Sleeping bags, mattress overlays, comforters, pillows, bedding accessories, washable wool batts. Also sheepskin slippers and hides. Fine quality. Reasonable prices. For complete information please contact Western Heritage Quilting Co., Box 84, Acme, TOM OAO, 546-4481 (7)

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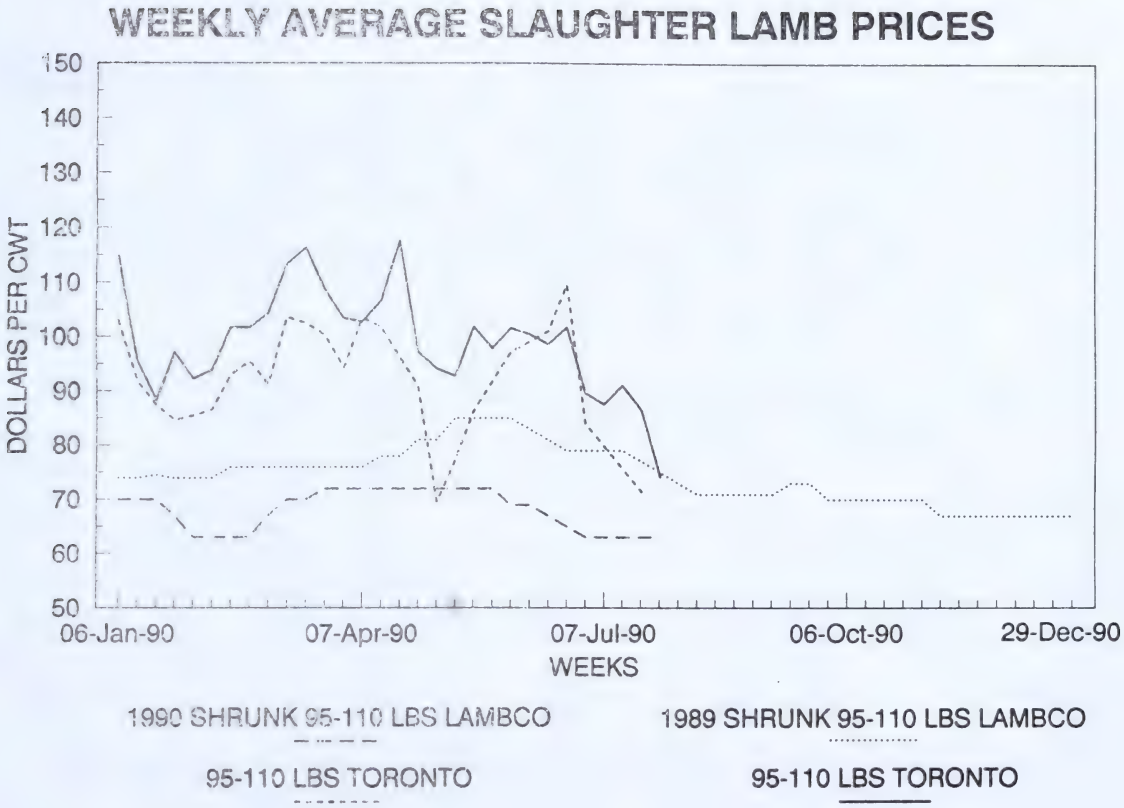

The backlog of slaughter lamb bookings has built up considerably over the past month at Lambco, in Innisfail. Producers are well advised to consider alternative market if they are in the situation of having market ready lambs and have not booked a slaughter date with Lambco. Lambco's bid range remained steady throughout the month of July at $60.00 to 63.00 per cwt.

During the second week of July at the Edmonton Stockyards, slaughter lambs sold from between $50.00 to 54.00 per cwt, while feeder lambs went for $50.00 to $56.00 per cwt. At the end of the month, slaughter lambs traded at $48.00 to $50.00 per cwt and feeder prices ranged from $48.00 to $53.00 per cwt.

Slaughter lamb prices also declined at the Fort Macleod auction, where 80 to 95 lb slaughter lambs have brought $60.00 to $65.00 per cwt, while heavier lambs went for $55.00 to $58.00 per cwt. Feeder lambs traded steady at $58.00 per cwt. Weekly volumes at recent Fort Macleod auctions have ranged from seven hundred to fourteen hundred head.

Wholesale carcass prices showed some strengthening this month, rising above the $125.00 US per cwt. Stronger wholesale markets lent support to slaughter lamb markets which have steadied to range from $52.00 US to $53.00 US per cwt. Feeder lamb prices continue to range below slaughter prices signifying the general weakness of the lamb markets.

PRICE RANGE AND VOLUMES FOR GOOD LAMBS 95-110 LBS AT LAMBCO

	WEEK 1	WEEK2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	MONTHLY SUMMARY
CURRENT MON						
JUL 1990	60.00-63.00	60.00-63.00	60.00-63.00	60.00-63.00		60.00-63.00
LAST MON						
JUN 1990	66.00-69.00	66.00-69.00	64.00-67.00	62.00-65.00	60.00-63.00	63.60-66.60
YR AGO MON						
JUL 1989	76.00-79.00	76.00-79.00	74.00-77.00	72.00-75.00		74.50-77.50
VOLUMES						
JUL 1990	1347	1269	1842	1445		5903
JUL 1989	1463	1621	1746	1539		6369

PRICE RANGE AND VOLUMES FOR GOOD LAMBS 95-110 LBS AT TORONTO PUBLIC STOCKYARDS
(With weighted average price in brackets beneath each range)

	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	MONTHLY SUMMARY
CURRENT MON	N.E.P.	N.E.P.	62.00-81.00	N.E.P.		
JUL 1990			(71.48)			71.48
LAST MON	75.00-112.00	N.E.P.	78.00-104.00	107.00-113.00	80.00-93.00	
JUN 1990	(97.22)		(101.03)	(109.62)	(84.04)	91.44
YR AGO MON	97.00-127.00	101.00-122.00	105.00-120.00	101.00-116.00		
JUL 1989	(109.30)	(111.40)	(110.45)	(106.33)		109.45
JUL/90 VOLUME			66			66
AVG WEIGHT			99.9			

PRICE RANGE AND VOLUMES FOR GOOD LAMBS 80-95 LBS AT TORONTO PUBLIC STOCKYARDS
(With weighted average price in brackets beneath each range)

	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	MONTHLY SUMMARY
CURRENT MON	80.00-95.00	86.00-96.00	75.00-96.00	70.00-83.00		
JUL 1990	(87.61)	(91.01)	(86.53)	(74.16)		85.62
LAST MON	90.00-115.00	88.00-110.00	92.00-110.00	90.00-112.00	80.00-95.00	
JUN 1990	(101.60)	(100.47)	(98.60)	(101.74)	(89.66)	96.32
YR AGO MON	96.00-131.00	121.00-128.00	111.00-136.00	97.00-110.00		
JUL 1989	(129.90)	(123.40)	(122.93)	(102.53)		117.76
JUN/90 VOLU	67	124	212	88		491
AVG WEIGHT	90.0	90.0	87.1	87.7		

Prices quoted for 95-110 lb lambs are bid prices at lambco and auction prices at Toronto Public Stockyards for good quality lambs. The lower end of the Alberta price range reflects bids for short haul unshrunk lambs, while the upper end of the range represents bids for long haul or shrunk lambs. Producers delivering to the Toronto Public Stockyards pay commission and yardage fees for each animal sold. Producers delivering to Lambco pay $1/head chaeckoff to the Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission.

The Toronto auction price is from the Special Sheep and Lamb Sale held on Monday each week

N.E.P - No established price

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AS OF JULY 20, 1990

REPRESENTATIVE LIVE SALES

AREA	TYPE OF SHEEP	TYPE OF SALE	HEAD	LBS.	WEIGHING CONDITIONS	PRICE ($/CWT.)
WEST COAST						
California	Spring	Direct	500	115-120	Choice & prime, wooled, delivered	57.00-58.50
California	Spring	Direct	860	117	Choice & prime, shorn, delivered	60.00
Oregon	Spring	Direct	500	100-110	Choice & prime, wooled, FOB 3% shr.	53.00
Oregon	Spring	Direct	500	100-110	Choice & prime, wooled, delivered	61.00
California	Feeder	Auction	275	70-112	Choice & fancy, wooled	50.00-53.50
Oregon	Feeder	Direct	1250	70- 90	Choice, fancy, wooled, FOB 3% shr.	50.00-50.50
MOUNTAIN						
Colorado	Spring	Auction	500	108-129	Choice & prime, wooled	53.00-55.00
Colorado	Spring	Direct	300	108-109	Choice & prime, wooled, delivered	57.00
Idaho	Spring	Direct	1000	125-135	Choice & prime, wooled, delivered	61.00
Montana	Spring	Auction	1450	90-119	Choice & prime, wooled	53.00-56.25
Montana	Spring	Direct	700	100	Choice & prime, wooled, FOB 4% shr.	52.00
Colorado	Feeder	Auction	350	60- 75	Choice & fancy, wooled	54.50-58.00
Colorado	Feeder	Auction	750	75-106	Choice & fancy, wooled	50.25-53.25
Montana	Feeder	Auction	475	50- 90	Choice & fancy, wooled	51.25-54.25
N. Mexico	Feeder	Direct	500	50- 80	Choice & fancy, wooled, FOB overnight	55.00-60.00
N. Mexico	Feeder	Direct	700	80-100	Choice & fancy, wooled, FOB overnight	52.00-55.00
Colorado	Sl. Ewe	Auction	450	120-145	Utility	19.50-21.50
Montana	Sl. Ewe	Auction	200		Good	16.00-23.25
Montana	Sl. Ewe	Auction	275		Utility	12.00-16.00
SOUTH CENTRAL						
Kansas	Spring	Direct	750	112	Choice & prime, wooled, delivered	55.00-55.50
Kansas	Spring	Auction	210	95-139	Choice & prime, wooled & shorn	54.00-58.00
Texas	Feedlot	Direct	8000	110-125	Choice & prime, wooled, 51% yield guar.	57.00-60.00
Texas	Feedlot	Direct	3000	100-115	Choice & prime, wooled, FOB 4% guar.	57.00-58.00
Kansas	Feeder	Auction	300	50- 97	Choice & fancy, wooled	50.00-57.00
Oklahoma	Feeder	Auction	200	60- 90	Choice & fancy, wooled	47.00-50.50
Texas	Feeder	Auction	400	30- 60	Choice & fancy, wooled	51.00-57.00
Texas	Feeder	Auction	1975	60-100	Choice & fancy, wooled	50.00-55.50
Texas	Feeder	Auction	500	30-100	Choice, wooled	40.00-50.00
Texas	Feeder	Direct	2500	70- 85	Choice & fancy, wooled, FOB 3% shr.	53.00-54.00
Texas	Sl. Ewe	Auction	600		Good	32.00-35.50
Texas	Sl. Ewe	Auction	1400		Utility	23.00-33.00
Texas	Sl. Ewe	Auction	375		Cull	13.00-22.00
Texas	St. Ewe	Auction	250		Mixed age (per hd.)	40.00-47.00
Texas	St. Ewe	Auction	650		Solid mouth (per hd.)	30.00-40.00
NORTH CENTRAL						
Illinois	Spring	Computer	445	113-115	Choice & prime, wooled, 3% shr.	57.00-58.00
Illinois	Spring	Auction	250	105-140	Choice & prime, wooled	50.00-54.00
Iowa	Spring	Computer	1210	118-125	Choice & prime, wooled, 3% shr.	57.25-61.75
Iowa	Spring	Auction	525	110-145	Choice & prime, wooled	53.00-57.00
Iowa	Spring	Auction	275	95-110	Choice & prime, wooled	50.00-54.00
IA-S.MN	Spring	Direct	5300	115-135	Choice & prime, wooled & shorn, FOB 4% shr.	55.00-58.50
IA-S.MN	Spring	Direct	1600	105-115	Choice & prime, wooled, FOB 4% shr.	52.00-57.00
Minnesota	Spring	Computer	405	117	Choice & prime, wooled, 3% shr.	59.75
Minnesota	Spring	Auction	750	110-125	Choice & prime, wooled, $5 buck disc.	51.00-56.00
Minnesota	Spring	Auction	600	95-110	Choice & prime, wooled, $5 buck disc.	50.00-54.00
N. Dakota	Spring	Computer	406	121	Choice & prime, wooled, 3% shr.	58.75
S. Dakota	Spring	Auction	950	115-139	Choice & prime, wooled & shorn	56.00-62.70
S. Dakota	Spring	Auction	650	103-115	Choice & prime, wooled	54.25-60.60
Wisconsin	Spring	Computer	425	115	Choice & prime, wooled, 3% shr.	57.75
Iowa	Feeder	Auction	550	60-100	Choice & fancy, wooled	53.00-57.00
Minnesota	Feeder	Auction	420	60- 90	Choice & fancy, wooled	50.00-55.00
S. Dakota	Feeder	Auction	1500	74-110	Choice & fancy, wooled	53.25-54.50
S. Dakota	Sl. Ewe	Auction	350		Utility & good	17.25-26.50
EASTERN						
Michigan	Spring	Auction	650	100-120	Choice & prime, wooled & shorn	53.00-58.00
Ohio	Spring	Auction	400	95-125	Choice & prime, $2 wooled disc.	52.00-56.00
Penn.	Spring	Auction	500	80-110	Choice & prime, wooled	60.00-68.00
Virginia	Spring	Computer	692	95-125	Choice & prime, wooled, $3 low choice disc.	54.25-55.75
Virginia	Spring	Auction	510	95-125	Choice & prime, wooled & shorn	49.00-54.00
Virginia	Spring	Auction	335	85-125	Choice, wooled	45.00-50.00
Virginia	Feeder	Auction	300	70- 85	N. Virginia, choice & fancy, wooled	50.00-54.00
Virginia	Feeder	Auction	275	60- 85	S.W. Virginia, choice & fancy, wooled	41.50-47.75
Virginia	Sl. Ewe	Auction	250		All grades	10.00-18.50

FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER (Head)

	THIS WEEK (estimated)	% THIS WEEK vs LAST WEEK	% THIS WEEK vs LAST YEAR	WEEK ENDING 6/30/90 (actual)	TOTAL YEAR TO DATE	% 1990 vs 1989 TOTAL
SHEEP	103,000	-1.0	+10.9	94,283	2,865,000	+5.0
CATTLE	672,000	+1.4	0.0	663,547	18,129,000	-1.5
CALF	28,000	-3.4	-32.9	32,181	959,000	-16.8
HOGS	1,428,000	-3.3	-6.2	1,402,253	45,322,000	-3.5

RED MEAT PRODUCTION (million pounds)

	THIS WEEK (estimated)	% THIS WEEK vs LAST WEEK	% THIS WEEK vs LAST YEAR	WEEK ENDING 6/23/90 (actual)	TOTAL YEAR TO DATE	% 1990 vs 1989 TOTAL
LAMB	6.5	-2.6	+22.4	6.0	197.1	+9.2
BEEF	454.7	+1.5	-0.7	447.7	12,276.1	-0.9
VEAL	5.1	-3.0	-19.1	5.6	159.7	-14.0
PORK	258.4	-3.2	-2.5	267.0	8,109.1	-3.3
TOTAL	724.7	-0.3	-1.4	726.3	20,742.0	-1.9

DRESSED WEIGHT		PERCENT LAMB SLAUGHTER	
THIS WEEK (EST.)	63	6/30/90	90.9
6/23/90 (ACT.)	63	7/01/89	92.8

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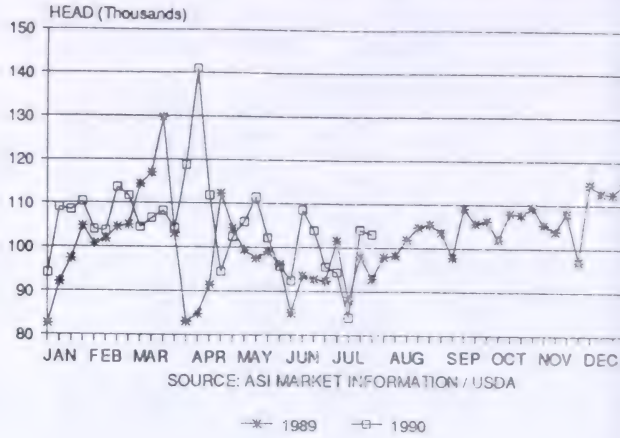
AVERAGE WEEKLY F.I. SLAUGHTER



WHOLESALE LAMB MARKET

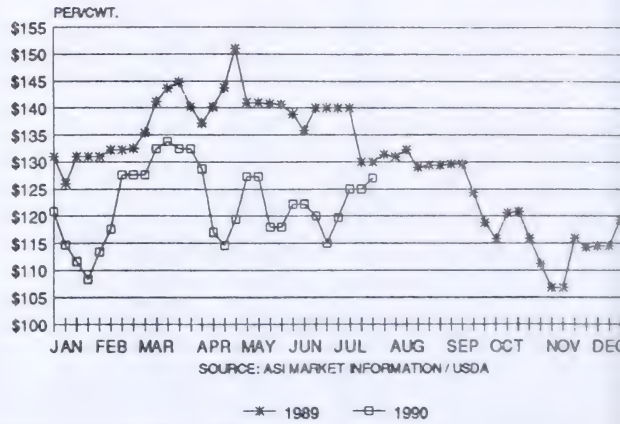
	55 lbs-down	55-65 lbs	65-75 lbs
NORTHEAST	$1.27	$1.27	$1.27
FOB RIVER	$1.22	$1.22	$1.22
LESS THAN CARLOT			
LOS ANGELES	$1.25*	$1.25*	$1.25
BAY AREA	$1.28*	$1.28**	$1.28

* 60 lbs. & down ** 60-65 lbs.

Improved cut out values helped push Northeast carcass trade 2 cents higher across the board. Some carcasses sold at $1.25 in early week trade. Carcasses weighing 75-85 pounds are bringing $1.22-1.27 in the Northeast and $1.17-1.22 on the River. In California, carcasses held steady in both Los Angeles and San Francisco.

EAST COAST WHOLESALE PRICE

WEIGHTED AVERAGE ALL WEIGHTS



DISTRIBUTIVE CUT MARKET & RETAIL FEATURE ACTIVITY

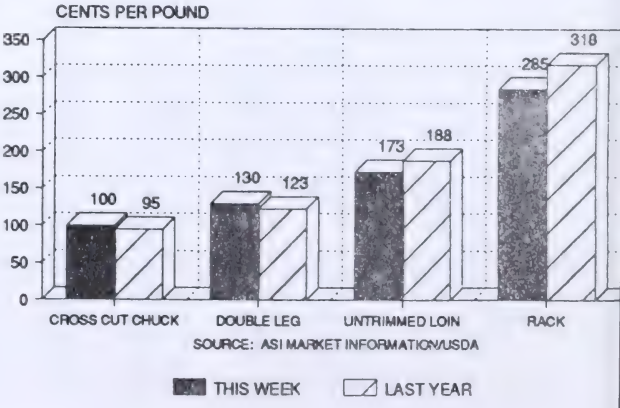
Wholesale cut trade closed on a firmer note in the Northeast. Legs and racks in the Northeast closed steady, loins were 5 cents higher and chucks were 5-10 cents higher. Prices in the Rocky Mountain region held steady. In Los Angeles, Calif., legs were 1-5 cents lower, racks were 5 cents lower, chucks were 10 cents higher, and loins closed 35 cents higher. In San Francisco, Calif., legs were steady to 5 cents lower and racks were 10 cents lower. Luckys, Hughes and Vonns will all be featuring legs in the next week..

ITEM	NORTH-EAST	BAY AREA	LOS ANGELES	NORTH WEST
CHUCK CROSS CUT	$ .95-1.05	No Quote	No Quote	No Quote
CHUCK SQUARE CUT	No Quote	$1.20*	$1.10*	1.09*
SINGLE LEG	No Quote	$1.64*	$1.55-1.59*	$1.59*
DOUBLE LEG	$1.25-1.35	$1.49	$1.40	No Quote
LOIN	$1.60-1.85	$3.65*	$3.65*	$3.45*
RACK 7 UP	$2.75-2.95	$3.35*	$3.20-3.25*	$3.39*
FORE SADDLE	No Quote	$1.38	$1.30	No Quote
HIND SADDLE	$1.35-1.55	$1.78	$1.58	No Quote

* Trimmed and/or vacuumed packed

EAST COAST CUT PRICES

AVERAGE



FOR 24-HOUR LAMB MARKET NEWS CALL 303-771-8472

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August 18-19

Breeding Management School. Lakeland College, Vermilion. Topics to be covered include: in depth ram evaluation, ewe management and nutrition, pregnancy testing and synchronizing. Speakers include Anne McClelland, Ian Clarke, Wray Whitmore and Susan Hosford. For further information contact Robert Brad, Vermilion, 853-8583.

August 24

A Seminar on Crossbreeding will be held at the Capri Hotel in Red Deer at 7 P.M. The moderator will be Anne McClelland (Agriculture Canada - Lethbridge) with panelists outlining their experiences under on-farm conditions. They will present their views on the subject from different perspectives, and answer questions from the audience. The Seminar will be followed by a wine and cheese party and bearpit session. The Seminar is sponsored by Treco Ranch in conjunction with their production sale on Saturday, August 25 at the Westerner Grounds in Red Deer. There is no charge for the seminar, but advance registration is requested. A special room rate has been established at the Capri Centre. Phone Tom at 749-2280 for complete information and registration.

August 25

Angora Field Day. 10 A.M. Farm of Don & Helen Gladson, west of Pickardville. Topics to be discussed include everything from breeding and vet care to feeding and bookkeeping. A small concession will be set up or you can bring your own lunch. For additional information and directions to the farm call Don or Helen at 349-5392.

August 25	Treco Ranch and guest consignors production sale -- Entries geared to the beginning sheep breeder and the crossbreeder -- see press release elsewhere in this issue. Further information from Tom at 749-2280, Warren at 749-2023 or any of guest consignors.
August 25	Monthly Sheep and Goat Sale at Camrose Auction Market, 672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. For further information contact S. Spahic, Box 89, Hay Lakes, TOB 1WO, phone 878-3784.
August 30	North-Central Sheep Sales. Fat and Feeder lambs. Edmonton Public Stockyards. Deadline for sheep deliveries at all sales is 9:00 A.M. For additional information (sheep) contact Bruce McGhan, Box 739, Calmar, TOC OVO, phone 985-3744 or John Bolay (goats), RR #1, Westlock, TOG 2LO, phone 349-5203.
September 8 & 9	Ye Olde Sheep Faire, Red Deer Westerner. Details in following issues.
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October 11	North-Central Sheep Sales. Fat and Feeder lambs. Special Goat Sale including Breeding Stock. Edmonton Public Stockyards. Deadline for sheep deliveries at all sales is 9:00 A.M. For additional information (sheep) contact Bruce McGhan, Box 739, Calmar, TOC OVO, phone 985-3744 or John Bolay (goats), RR #1, Westlock, TOG 2LO, phone 349-5203.
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November 28 - December 2	Intermediate Sheep Management Workshop. Resource Person - William K. Kruesi, Wallingford, Vermont. Author - Sheep Raiser's Manual and full time sheep producer. Co-sponsored by the Cee-Der Sheep Products. Limited to 15 participants. Cost - $330.00 course registration, accommodation and meals. For further information contact Mr. Glynn Brooks, Cee-Der Chalets, Box 525, Canmore, Alberta TOL OMO or phone 678-5251.

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Researcher requires hoof samples from FOOT ROT INFECTED SHEEP - will come to your farm - all information kept confidential - before you treat or cull infected animals please call - University of Calgary 220-7932 or 220-5279 (days), 282-7954 (evenings). Your assistance is very much needed to obtain valuable information on this disease for control and eradication development.

CATHY GALLIVAN LEAVES TO CONTINUE HER EDUCATION

Cathy Gallivan, Sheep Specialist with Alberta Agriculture, is leaving Alberta to continue her education. In August she will be moving to the University of Guelph where she will begin studies toward a Ph.D. in animal breeding and genetics. This will be a continuation of the M.Sc. degree in genetics which she received from Oregon State University before joining Alberta Agriculture in October 1985.

In the past five years Cathy has served as a Sheep Specialist, first in Edmonton and for the past three years in Airdrie. She has been very active in organizing and assisting with the Sheep Symposiums. She coordinated production of Sheep Footnotes when she worked out of the Edmonton office. Upon moving to Airdrie she assumed responsibility for managing the operation of the Alberta Sheep R.O.P. Test Station located at Olds College.

In addition to these high profile jobs Cathy was always available to assist sheep producers in making plans to improve their operations or help solve problems in their flocks. While the Sheep Symposium was a major event, she also helped organize special short courses and extension meetings for sheep producers all across the province. She was also involved in field trials to test new ideas and products which could help sheep producers improve productivity in their flocks.

As manager of the Sheep R.O.P. Test Station at Olds she assisted the Alberta Mohair Producers in establishing a performance testing station for mohair producing Angora goats. They completed their second test in June of 1990.

In the past five years Cathy has become well known to sheep producers and Angora goat breeders across Alberta as well as across Canada. She has represented Alberta on the National Sheep R.O.P. Advisory Committee for the past 3 years and has assisted out of province, and international, buyers to arrange for purchases of performance tested ram lambs at the annual R.O.P. sheep sale.

On July 7, following the R.O.P. sale in Olds, Cathy's friends in the Alberta sheep industry and colleagues in Alberta Agriculture gathered to wish her well. She was presented with a painting as an expression of appreciation and friendship for her five years of service to Alberta sheep and goat producers and shared memories.

Alberta Agriculture staff and Alberta sheep and goat producers wish Cathy well in the pursuit of her new career plans.

1990 ALBERTA RAM TEST STATION - FALL TEST

OLDS COLLEGE

ENTRY DATE	VETERINARY INSPECTION (New Contributors or Out of Province Contributors)
Wednesday, October 31	Please, as soon as you have decided to enter rams into this year's test, contact Wray Whitmore at 403-427-5083 to obtain an inspection form to be filled out by your veterinarian when your flock is inspected. The cost of this pre-entry inspection is the responsibility of the contributor.

1990 ALBERTA RAM TEST STATION REGULATIONS

I. ELIGIBILITY

1. Any sheep breeder may enter ram lambs which are registered or eligible for registration. Ewe lambs will not be accepted on test.

2. Ram lambs born in 1990 will be eligible for test.

3. Ram lambs which have been shorn will not be eligible for test.

4. Please note: this test will only be run if a minimum of thirty rams with at least 20 from one breed are entered. If you would like to test fall born lambs, please make your entries as soon as possible.

5. All rams must have their feet trimmed and be tattooed prior to entry. The only exception will be for new breeders who have not yet received their flock letters.

6. Sheep which come from a bluetongue area as defined by Agriculture Canada will not be accepted.

7. Prior to entering lambs on test, all new contributors' as well as all out of province contributors' flocks must be inspected and found free of communicable disease or condition potentially dangerous to the health of other animals at the station.

8. Any contributor may be subject to a flock health inspection at the discretion of the station management.

9. All rams will be carefully inspected on arrival at the station and may be refused entry for health reasons or for any unsoundness which will result in it being culled from the sale after completing test.

10. In 1990, rams with clinical evidence of soremouth will not be accepted.

11. At delivery to the test station, live weight of each lamb must be 22.7-34.1 kg (50-75 lb) for Suffolk and Hampshire lambs or 20.5-31.8 kg (45-70 lb) for other breeds.

II. PROCEDURES

1. Rams which are eligible for entry will be :

    a. given a test station eartag (large plastic tags or tags which are causing damage to the ears will be removed at this time)
    b. fecal sampled
    c. dewormed (Ivomec)
    d. given an 8-way vaccination
    e. given a Hemophilus vaccination
    f. footbathed in a zinc sulphate solution

2. During the course of the test, all rams will be:

    a. blood sampled for Brucella ovis
    b. given one 8-way booster
    c. given two Hemophilus boosters

3. All lambs will be fed free choice a pelleted ration and hay. Loose salt and mineral will also be available at all times. Each pen will have automatic waterers.

III. FEES

1. Alberta Agriculture will provide the test station, the required manpower, facilities, technical assistance and supervision. Breeders entering rams on test shall pay for the feed and extra veterinary expenses only.

2. The fee for 1990 will be $50 per lamb entered on test. In addition, lambs from the fall test which are kept at Olds College until July of the following year will be charged $50.00 for this period.

3. Since Alberta Agriculture is subsidizing the test station and sale to the level of approximately $50 per lamb, contributors from outside the province will be required to pay an additional $50 per lamb above the aforementioned fee.

4. For a premium of $5 per lamb, contributors may insure their rams against death loss between the time of entry and the fall of the hammer. Payout will be determined by dividing the number of insured rams which die into the total collected premium. Payout shall not exceed $150 per head. Any surplus in collected premiums will be refunded each year to contributors who purchase this insurance.

5. Cheques or money orders for fees should be made payable to Olds College.

6. All fees connected with the test station must be paid the animals are released.

IV. COMMITTEES

1. The Alberta Sheep ROP Advisory Board reserves the right to make all decisions regarding the ram test station.

2. The committee consists of:

    a. Two producers appointed by the Alberta Sheep Breeders Association - Mr. Clarence Jones & Mr. Peter McCart.
    b. Two producers appointed by the Alberta Sheep & Wool Commission - Mr. Ian Clark & Mr. Pat Barott
    c. Agriculture Canada - Mr. Mike Southwood
    d. Veterinary Services - Dr. Ray Fenton
    e. Chairman - Mr. Ross Gould, Alberta Agriculture
    f. Test Station Manager - Sheep Specialist, Airdrie
    g. Mr. Wray Whitmore - Home Test Coordinator

3. The Culling Committee consists of two purebred breeders who are not test station contributors and one commercial producer representing buyer interests.

4. All lambs will be fed in groups such that lambs of different entry groups, sizes and breeds are kept as separately as possible.

5. Following a 14 day adjustment period, all lambs will commence a 56 day performance test. They will be weighed on test and every two weeks thereafter. On test, mid test and off test weights will be the average of weights taken on two consecutive days. Reports will be mailed to all contributors every two weeks beginning at the mid test point.

6. Following the completion of test, a final performance report will be issued which will include:

    a. actual on test and off test weights of each ram
    b. average daily gain on test of each lamb
    c. average daily gain index of each lamb within breed
    d. ultrasonic backfat measurement of each lamb

7. PRIOR TO THE LAST OFF TEST WEIGH DATE, CONTRIBUTORS MUST SUBMIT THREE GENERATION PEDIGREES, COMPLETED APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION AND SIGNED TRANSFERS FOR EACH LAMB.

8. Only the lambs which gain above the average for their breed will be further considered for sale. These rams will be subjected to an initial cull in the fall. Rams which pass the initial cull will be eligible to stay at Olds College until the completion of the regular test. At this time, the lambs from both tests will be shorn and subjected to a physical cull to determine sale status.

9. Contributors with lambs eligible for sale are not obliged to enter them in the sale. Lambs may be removed from the test station at any time after the off test weighing.

10. No animal will be released from the test station prior to the end of test without permission of the station manager. The manager reserves the right to reject any animal during the test and request the owner to remove it from the test station.

11. Visitors to the test station while lambs are on test are encouraged, but interested persons are advised to contact Barry Wilson (556-8202) prior to their arrival.

1990 ALBERTA RAM TEST STATION - FALL TEST

NAME:_____

ADDRESS:_____

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PHONE:_____

NUMBER OF RAMS:_____

BREED:_____

I have read the rules and regulations of the 1990 Alberta Ram Test
any data pertaining to the performance of my rams in the Test Station.

Signature_____

Return form by October 17th to:

Wray Whitmore
Sheep Specialist
Beef Cattle & Sheep Branch
Alberta Agriculture
7000-113th St.
Edmonton, AB
T6H 5T6
403-427-5083

16th ANNUAL ALBERTA RAM TEST STATION SALE

Cathy Gallivan
Sheep Specialist
Alberta Agriculture, Airdrie

A large crowd of buyers and spectators was on hand July 7 at Olds College for the 16th Annual Alberta Ram Test Station Barbeque and Sale. The event, which drew buyers from Canada and the U.S, saw some of the best performance tested ram lambs and yearlings in the nation offered for sale.

With the reserve bid set at $200, all but 9 of the 66 rams on offer found buyers as gross receipts of $19,925.00 were obtained. An average price of $349.56 was achieved.

The top indexing ram in the sale, which was from the Suffolk flock of Dennis Pasichney of Redwater, Alberta had an average daily gain of .652 Kg. per day (1.43 lbs), and sold for $700 to Allan Hankel of Lisbon, North Dakota. The high selling ram in the sale, from the Suffolk flock of Walt Strand of Lethbridge, Alberta, was purchased for $900, also by Mr. Hankel. Four rams were purchased by Agriculture Canada for entry into the Quebec Artificial Insemination Unit. The four rams included the first and second fastest gaining Dorsets in the sale, from the flocks of Peter and Joyce McCart of Spruce View and Marilyn Young Verweire of Strathmore, respectively; as well as two Suffolk rams from the flock of Walt Strand of Lethbridge. Purchases were also made by buyers from Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba and Ontario, with 16 rams going to out of province flocks.

The Alberta Sheep Breeders Trophy for the highest group average A.D.G. on four or more rams went to Cyril Seutter of Sherwood Park. His five Suffolk rams averaged .545 kg/day.

The Canadian Cooperative Wool Growers Trophy for the yearling with the highest overall index on the Wool Breeds test went to John Balderson Farms, Magrath, Alberta.

A new test station record was set for the Romanov breed (Mackowecki - .407 Kg/day). Clun Forests, Rideau Arcotts and Finnish Landrace were tested for the first time in 1990.

Two hundred nineteen rams from 37 contributors were entered on test this year.

Only rams above the station average for A.D.G. for their breed are considered for sale each year. A culling committee further rejects rams with incorrect teeth, legs, testicles, etc. from this group, so that this year less than one third of the animals entered on test made their way through the screening process to the sale.

Ten Rambouillets and one Polypay have been entered on the Wool Test for next year.

Two Suffolk rams which were eligible for sale were withdrawn from the Test Station Sale to be entered in the 1990 Olde Tyme Sheep Fair Sale on September 8-9 in Red Deer.

The following is a summary of the 1990 Ram Test Station results:

BREED	NUMBER COMPLETING TESTED	A.D.G. KG/DAY	NUMBER SOLD	AVERAGE PRICE	HIGH PRICE
SUFFOLK	103	.505	33	$370	$900
COLUMBIA	3	.422	1	200	200
HAMPSHIRE	7	.419	1	270	270
RAMBOUILLET	18	.410	*0	---	---
ROMANOV	10	.407	3	400	300
POLYPAY	29	.393	8	253	300
DORSET	27	.386	7	302	400
RIDEAU ARCOTT	4	.358	0	---	---
CLUN FOREST	7	.327	0	---	---
FINNISH LANDRACE	1	.265	0	---	---
YEARLINGS	5	----	4	637	800

* 10 rams entered on Wool Breeds Test

The following is a summary of test station results since the first test season in 1975:

BREEDERS ON PROGRAM		RAMS ENTERED ON TEST	A.D.G. (SUFFOLK RAM LAMBS)	HEAD SOLD	AVERAGE PRICE (ALL RAMS)	TOP PRICE
1975	12	85	.32 Kg	45	$223	$525
1976	7	70	.36 Kg	43	$231	$450
1977	14	165	.36 Kg	53	$244	$500
1978	16	153	.42 Kg	57	$275	$1050
1979	17	123	.49 Kg	52	$331	$675
1980	17	101	.48 Kg	44	$323	$520
1981	23	102	.48 Kg	40	$375	$775
1982	28	115	.47 Kg	49	$387	$1100
1983	38	173	.514 Kg	61	$332	$750
1984	37	*228	.550 Kg	72	$384	$1500
1985	38	*202	.534 Kg	61	$421	$1350
1986	28	**238	.516 Kg	51	$416	$950
1987	24	**190	.508 Kg	64	$558	$2800
1988	37	*226	.518 Kg	74	$598	$1650
1989	51	*330	.519 Kg	76	$519	$2400
1990	37	*224	.505 Kg	66	$350	$900

*Includes entries on Wool Breeds Test.
**Includes entries on Wool Breeds Test and Hays Pasture Test.

Test Station organizers wish to thank everyone involved in making the year and the sale such a success. With continued enthusiasm and support of the type evidenced this year, the 1991 season should be another good one for the Alberta Ram Test Station.

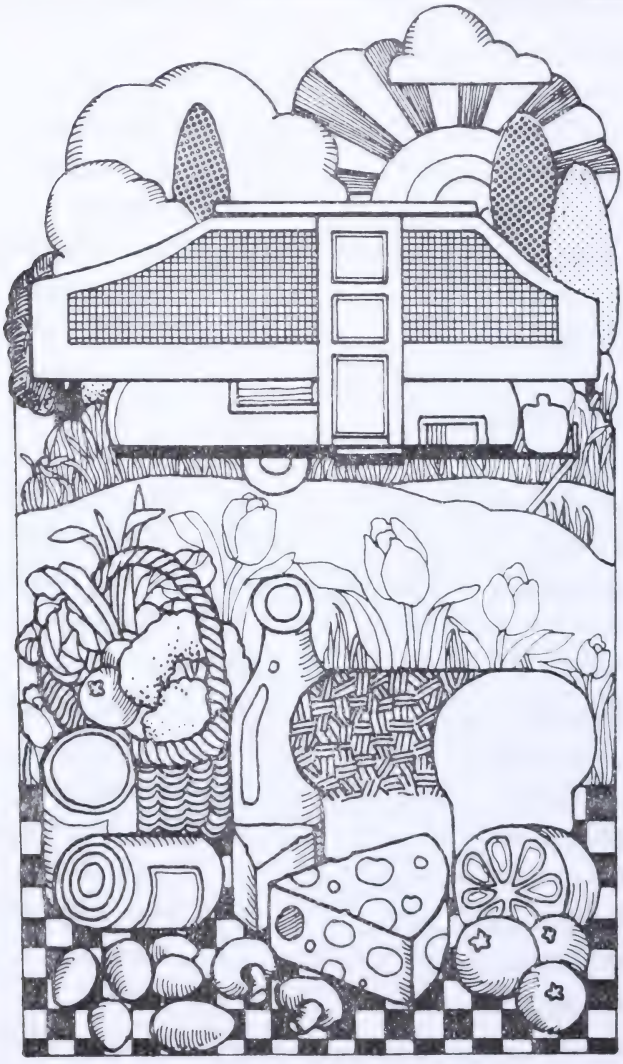
Anyone interested in obtaining more detailed information on the 1990 Alberta Ram Test Station should contact Wray Whitmore, Sheep Specialist, Beef Cattle and Sheep Branch, 7000 - 113th Street, Edmonton, AB, T6H 5T6. Phone (403) 427-5083.

1990 Alberta Ram Test Station Sale Results

LOT	BREED	CONTRIBUTOR	PRICE	BUYER
1	Suffolk	Pasichney	$ 700	A. Hankel, Lisbon, N.D. USA
2	Suffolk	Strawson	450	G. Preston, Proton St., ON
3	Dorset	McCart	400	Agriculture Canada, Quebec
4	Suffolk	Jones	210	F. Dallaire, Red Deer, AB
5	Suffolk	Schalin	200	Lakeland College, Vermilion, AB
6	Suffolk	Schalin		scratched from sale
7	Suffolk	Seutter	---	passed
8	Polypay	Lawson	300	W. Sarasin, Viking, AB
9	Dorset	Verweire	375	Agriculture Canada, Quebec
10	Suffolk	Strand	525	J. Reti, Taber, AB
11	Suffolk	Strand	300	G. Preston, Proton St. ON
12	Dorset	McCart	280	L. Roy, Innisfree, AB
13	Dorset	Lyster	200	F. Nauenburg, Bruce, AB
14	Suffolk	James	210	L. Perry, Balzac, AB
15	Suffolk	Hosford/Forrestier	800	G. Schalin, Olds, AB
16	Suffolk	Strand	600	Agriculture Canada, Quebec
17	Suffolk	Jones	200	N. Tait, Nevis, AB
18	Polypay	Quinton	240	D. Stephens, Aldergrove, BC
19	Hampshire	Sweetman	270	Warburg Colony, Warburg, AB
20	Polypay	Dole	260	T. Jerome, Dawson Creek, BC
21	Suffolk	Barrett	200	Warburg Colony, Warburg, AB
22	Polypay	Quinton	200	D. Stephens, Aldergrove, BC
23	Suffolk	Ostrom	600	M. Stephen, Calgary, AB
24	Suffolk	Schalin	310	H. Nauenburg, Strome, AB
25	Suffolk	Schalin	200	Warburg Colony, Warburg, AB
26	Suffolk	Strawson	200	T. Canning, James River Bridge, AB
27	Polypay	Dole	---	passed
28	Suffolk	Strand	900	A. Hankel, Lisbon, S.D. USA
29	Suffolk	Strand	550	Agriculture Canada, Quebec
30	Suffolk	Strand	600	Lakeland College, Vermilion, AB
31	Columbia	Sweetman	200	C. Willams, Athabasca, AB

LOT	BREED	CONTRIBUTOR	PRICE	BUYER
32	Polypay	Balderson	$500	W. Sarasin, Viking, AB
33	Rambouillet	Olds College	600	J. Reti, Taber, AB
34	Rambouillet	Olds College	650	K. Alexander, Rossburn, MB
35	Rambouillet	Olds College	800	J. Reti, Taber, AB
36	Suffolk	Strand	400	Aulrust, Provost, AB
37	Suffolk	Strand	270	R. Quinton, Cardston, AB
38	Suffolk	Jones	200	P. Rueker, Cherhill, AB
39	Suffolk	Olds College	400	G. Preston, Proton St. ON
40	Suffolk	Nielsen	---	passed
41	Dorset	McCart	310	Agriculture Canada, Lethbridge, AB
42	Suffolk	Strand	325	J. Hougham, Camrose, AB
43	Suffolk	Knight	---	passed
44	Suffolk	Strand	350	F. Dierkhising, Mayerthorpe, AB
45	Suffolk	Strand	375	F. Dierkhising, Mayerthorpe, AB
46	Suffolk	Hosford/Forrestier	290	F. Nauenburg, Bruce, AB
47	Polypay	Lawson	250	L. Lindstrom, Gunn, AB
48	Dorset	McCart	350	D. Pasichney, Redwater, AB
49	Suffolk	Seutter	200	R. MacLean, RMH, AB
50	Suffolk	Strawson	200	F. Dierkhising, Mayerthorpe, AB
51	Polypay	Lawson	270	L. Rutledge, Wainwright, AB
52	Polypay	Balderson	300	W. Sarasin, Viking, AB
53	Suffolk	Quinton	280	R. Gibbons, Aldergrove, BC
54	Suffolk	Schalin	200	Warburg Colony, Warburg, AB
55	Romanov	Mackowecki	200	J. Hougham, Hay Lakes, AB
56	Clun Forest	Spicer	---	passed
57	Suffolk	Matejka	200	Warburg Colony, Warburg, AB
58	Columbia	Sweetman	---	passed
59	Polypay	Knight	---	passed
60	Dorset	McCart	200	F. Nauenburg, Bruce, AB
61	Clun Forest	Spicer	---	passed

LOT	BREED	CONTRIBUTOR	PRICE	BUYER
62	Romanov	Mackowecki	400	J. Hamerton, Dugald, MB
63	Romanov	Mackowecki	300	H. Spicer, Millet, AB
64	Suffolk	Matejka	200	C. Skockopde, Condor, AB
65	Suffolk	Schalin	220	P. Rueker, Cherhill, AB
66	Polypay	Lawson	200	D. Stephens, Aldergrove, BC
67	Finnish Landrace	Smith	---	passed



Olde Tyme Sheep Fair
September 8th & 9th, 1990
at the Westerner, Red Deer

EWE LAMB SALE!

Remember! Your ewe lambs must be:

- at least 100 lb
- be ROP tested
- have a minimum Multi Index of 90
- be shorn

*** SALE FEE: $10.00**

Consignment Deadline: August 24, 1990

The Olde Tyme Sheep Fair reserves the right to reject any consignment to this sale or to request any potential contributor to submit to an on-farm inspection at any time prior to the sale.

* This is the only fee for selling ewe lambs in this sale. There will be no commission charged.

Olde Tyme Sheep Fair
September 8th & 9th, 1990
at the Westerner, Red Deer

COMMERCIAL EWE LAMB SALE

Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

LOT	No. In Lot (at least 5)	Eartag Numbers (if available)	Breed Or Breed Cross	Month(s) Born

Sale Fee (Enclosed) _____ head @ $10.00/head = $ _____

Return entries no later than August 17th, 1990 to:

Lynne Ings
RR #2,
Bluffton, AB
TOC OMO

I have read the rules and terms of the sale and agree to abide by them.

Signature _____

PLEASE NOTE: SALE FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE

RULES AND TERMS OF THE SALE AVAILABLE FROM LYNNE INGS AT 843-6820

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Angora Results - West Canadian National Goat Show
- Westener Exposition - Red Deer - July 15, 1990

Opening ceremonies included remarks from the Mayor of Red Deer, Bod McGee, President of Westener Exposition, Secretary of Canadian Goat Society, Suzanne Bishop and Show Chairperson Sharon Marsh. Following the ribbon cutting, Vera Wagar, Chairperson for the Angora Division got the Angora Goat Show underway.

Don Gladson was the Master of Ceremonies, Mike Pemlur of Bandera, Texas was the Judge and May Johnson was the Show Secretary.

Many thanks go to all the Angora Breeders who participated in the first National show to be held in Alberta. Also to those who helped with the exhibit and behind the scences.

A 'special' thank you to those who donated towards the trophies and sponsored classes. Also to Suzanne Bishop for handing out the plagues and ribbons and for all her assistance throughout the day.

Last of all many thanks to Vera Wagar, Chairperson and to the folks at the Westener, especially Sharla and to everyone who was so helpful in helping us get everything together.

Show Results From Angora Division

Class #600 - Kid - Doe

1st Place -	Joyce Marchant
2nd Place -	Ev Prestie - Hillside Acres
3rd Place -	Vera Wagar/Carl Johnson

Class #601 - Kid - Buck

1st Place -	John Toye
2nd Place -	Dennis Sarnecki
3rd Place -	Dorothy Broadbent

Class #602 - Yearling Doe

1st Place -	Vera Wagar/Carl Johnson
2nd Place -	Dorothy Broadbent
3rd Place -	Bryan Caverhill

Class #603 - Yearling Buck

1st Place -	Bryan Caverhill
2nd Place -	Dorothy Broadbent
3rd Place -	Dorothy Broadbent

Class #604 - Adult Doe

1st Place -	Bryan Caverhill
2nd Place -	Ev Prestie - Hillside Acres
3rd Place -	Ev Prestie - Hillside Acres

Class #605 - Adult Buck

1st Place -	Nancy Laskin
2nd Place -	Terry & Carol Lee and Bryan Caverhill
3rd Place -	Bryan Caverhill

Class #606 - Aged Doe

1st Place -	Vera Wagar/Carl Johnson
2nd Place -	Bryan Caverhill

Class #607 - Aged Buck

No Entries

Class #608 -

Grand Champion Doe - Vera Wagar/Carl Johnson
Reserve Grand Champion Doe - Bryan Caverhill

Class #609 -

Grand Champion Buck - Nancy Laskin
Reserve Grand Champion Buck - Terry & Carol Lee & Bryan Caverhill

Class #610 - Wethers

1st Place -	Carl Johnson
2nd Place -	Carl Johnson

Class #611 - Best Fleece

Vera Wagar/Carl Johnson

Class #612 - Get of Sire

1st Place -	Vera Wagar/Carl Johnson
2nd Place -	Dorothy Broadbent
3rd Place -	Bryan Caverhill

Class #613 - Breeders Herd

1st Place -	Vera Wagar/Carl Johnson
2nd Place -	Bryan Caverhill
3rd Place -	Ev Prestie - Hillside Acres

Class #614 - Progeny of Dam

1st Place -	Vera Wagar/Carl Johnson
2nd Place -	Terry Lee
3rd Place -	Dorothy Broadbent

Class #615 - Lead to Garment

1st Place -	Rhoda Stone
2nd Place -	Vera Wagar
3rd Place -	Joyce Marchant

Class #616 - Shorn Fleece Kid

Vera Wagar/Carl Johnson

Class #617 - Shorn Fleece Adult

Nancy Laskin

Premier Breeder -

Bryan Caverhill

Herdsman -

John Toye/Joyce Marchant

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The Classifieds

FOR SALE - SHEEP

CAMPSIE COVE mini-farm now has Finn rams and ewe lambs. Also Angora and Hollandlop rabbits. Robert Paquin, Barrhead, 674-2968 (8)

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FINN/SUFFOLK cross ram. Bill, Boyle, 689-2408 (8)

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HERD DISPERSAL - 80 head purebred Suffolk ewes - 2-4 yrs. Also selling papered Suffolk rams 2,3 and 4 yrs old. Call Rose, Buck Lake, 388-2321 (8)

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85 DORSET and Dorset/Finn cross young ewes. 20 Dorset/Finn cross ewe lambs, December born. Phyllis Wagar, Wetaskiwin, 352-3439 (8)

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20 PUREBRED Suffolk ewe lambs, 10 purbred Suffolk ram lambs, 90 commercial ewe lambs, 12 commercial cross ram lambs. Production records on all these sheep are available. Leg-a-Lamb Farm, Jim or Susan, Waskatenau, 358-2508 (8)

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1 TO 3 yr old ewes - Finn/Columbia/Rambouillet cross, Polypay/Finn cross, 7/8 Finn, 1/2 to 31/32 Romonov cross (ewes and lambs). Complete birthing and health records available. Also purebred Romonov rams and crossbred Romonov ewe lambs (from 3/4's to 31/32 nds). Highly prolific and early maturing, out of season breeding, excellent mothers. All ewes can be individually tipped and inspected. Lyle Bowles, Maple Creek, Saskatchewan, 306-662-2916 (8)

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PUREBRED YEARLING rams. 'Don't send a lamb to do a rams job'. Quality Suffolk or North Country Cheviot. Buy early for a better selection. Rick Sandham, Caroline, 722-2440 (8)

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CANADIAN ARCOTT rams after August - all 8 from twin sets 1990. Place orders early for these registered animals. J & A Grosseth, St. Paul, 724-2458 (8)

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60 EWE lambs and ram lambs. January born. Happy Valley breeding. Some yearling rams. Some are crosses and some purebred with papers. Gary Boyd, Leduc, 986-8797 (8)

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ARCOTT RAM and ewe lambs. 7 Arcott ewes 2-4 yrs old. 1 - 3 yr old Arcott ram. Marti, High River, 652-3722 (8)

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SUFFOLK RAM - $125 or best offer. Sandra, Stony Plain, 963-5642 (8)

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AFTER JULY 15th, registered North Country Cheviot mature ewes and rams. Registered ewe and ram lambs and grade ewe lambs. Lyle Hamer, Red Water, 942-4184 (8)

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1 REGISTERED Border Leicester ram. Eckehart Marenholtz, Flatbush, 681-2430 (8)

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COMMERCIAL EWE lambs. Suffolk/Dorset and Finn/Rambouillet breeding. Presently at community pasture. Will breed ewes for buyer. Cheylee Farm, Bruce or Marilyn, Calmar, 985-3744 (8)

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1 - 4 yr old Corriedale ram and 1 Jacob ram 2 yrs old. $95 each. R. Spicer, Wynndel, B.C., 604-866-5402 (8)

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DISPERSAL OF small commercial flock of Suffolk-Cheviot cross ewes. 1 - 5 yr old - $75 each. Outstanding registered Suffolk ram. Born December 31/88 - $250. Contact Helen Pierce, Thorhild, 576-2249 or Collen Pierce, Lac La Biche, 623-3386 (8)

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15 SUFFOLK ewes, 10 Suffolk ewes. Good replacement stock or nice flock for beginner. 1 registered Suffolk ram, 9 withers. Going out of business. Dianne, Calgary, 279-9234 (8)

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PUREBRED SUFFOLK yearling and ram lambs on ROP. Call Greg Alexander, Airdrie, 948-2271 (8)

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TWIN & triplet ewe lambs. Finn/Suffolk/Rambouillet and Romonov/Suffolk/Rambouillet breeding. Jan-Feb born. Brian & Rena Waite, Killam, 385-2335 (8)

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2 PUREBRED Dorset rams, 2 yrs old, $225 each with papers. 1 purebred Suffolk ram, 2 yrs old, $225, no papers. 1 Merino x Rambouillet, yearling, $227. The ewe flock has been sold and now the rams must go. Lawinda Miller, Rolling Hills, 964-2171 (8)

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FLOCK DISPERSAL. 80 Suffolk crossbred ewes 2-3 yrs - $100. 30 Suffolk/Finn cross ewe lambs - $85. 1 teaser ram, 1 Suffolk/Finn cross ram. Joanne, Ponoka, 783-2600 (8)

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REGISTERED ROMANOV 2 yr old ewe, had repeated healthy triplets. Purebred Romonov yearling ram, very good

disposition and sired good lambs. 3 purebred lambs, 2 ram and 1 ewe - $250 each adult and $200 each lamb or will make package deals. Also offering reservation on Jacob ram lamb if born next spring - this year's lamb appeared to have good characteristics. D.M. Adams, Creston, B.C. 604-428-7840 (8)

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COMPLETE DISPERSAL of 55 well culled ewes. Suffolk-Southdown cross. Lee or Glayds Davis, Niton Junction, 795-2203 (8)

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WINDOVER FARM has 7 commercial polled Dorset ewe lambs. These are January born lambs out of easy lambing mothers. For further information call Pete McCart, 728-3035 or FAX 227-4243, Spruce View (8)

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1- 4 YR old registered Suffolk ram - WACO breeding. 1 purebred Dorset ram. Both proven breeders. April born ram and ewe lambs - twins and triplets. High indexing. Robert & Mary Ann, Spedden, 636-2851 (8)

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8 EXPERIENCED Rambouillet ewes (also available with lambs at foot - good for the beginning shepherd). 20 commercial ewe lambs - Rambouillet/Suffolk cross and Dorset cross. Of interest to weavers - 5 yearling ewes 1/2 Border Leicester and 1/2 Rambouillet. All from healthy flock being dispersed for fall acquisition of a purebred Rambouillet flock. Palisade Farms, Strathmore, 934-3675 (8)

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BLACK SHEEP including 1 Polypay/Finn ram out of Quintin breeding. 1 Rambouillet/Finn ram out of Olds College breeding. 18 ewes - yearlings to 5 yrs. Easy lambers - only 1 assit in 5 years. 4 ewe lambs born Dec - early Jan. All twins or have twins. Mary, Sundre, 556-2884 (8)

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2 YR old Cheviot/Dorset ram. Has very nice lambs - $200. Fred, Mayerthorpe, 786-4432 (8)

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GOOD COMMERCIAL black face triplet ewe lambs - $80 each. Mrs. Ruecker, Cherhill, 785-2084 (8)

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150 SUFFOLK/RAMBOUILLET cross and Suffolk/Clun Forest cross ewe lambs. Terry or Susan Grant, Standard, 644-2448 (evenings) (8)

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COMPLETE FLOCK dispersal. Suffolk/Dorset cross. 63 ewes, spring lambs and 1 ram. Barb, St. Paul, 645-5523 (late evenings) (8)

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HERD DISPERSAL. Quality crossbred RomAnov ewes and ewe lambs. Garry Nixon, Botha, 574-2166 (8)

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POLYPAY PUREBRED rams. Twins & triplets. Born Nov 1/89 - Jan 1/90. Lawrence, Vulcan, 485-6646 (8)

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2 SUFFOLK rams. 4 yrs old. $100 each O.B.O. Irven Squire, Youngstown, 779-2196 (mornings) (8)

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FOR HEALTH reasons - 80 ewes, Finn/Hampshire and their crosses - 1-7 yrs old. All lambed out. 2 purebred Hampshire rams 3-5 yrs old. 3 Finn rams. 2 cows - 1 - 5 yr old - hand milker and 1 - 2 yr old heifer and her daughter. Also some goats. Ed & Ursula Jones, Athabasca, 675-4099 (8)

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RAMBOUILLET EWES and rams. Unregistered purebred yearlings. 7 healthy ewes ready for breeding. Choice range rams - 2 pens to select from. Whiffletree Farm, Delburne, 749-2381 (8)

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1 BLACK Rambouillet/Suffolk cross ram 3 yrs old. Proven breeder. Has a fine black fleece - $125. 1 Romanov/Suffolk ram lamb. Born Jan '90. Fast growing - $200. 2 registered North Country Cheviot rams. Born March '89 - $250 each. Lori Williamson, Stettler, 742-1854 (8)

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40 ROMANOV/RAMBOUILLET ewe lambs. 25 - 1/2 Suffolk, 1/4 Rambouillet and 1/4 Romanov ewe lambs. John Klok, Picture Butte, 738-4388 (8)

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10 COMMERCIAL Suffolk ewe lambs. From sound flock. Born in January - $90 each. Brigit Hofer, Olds, 556-3146 (8)

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COMMERCIAL AND purebred Suffolk ram lambs and ewe lambs. These animals are ROP tested and selected so as to offer only the top performing animals for sale. Complete records on dams and sires available. Call 556-2802, Sundre (8)

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2 PUREBRED registered Polypay ram lambs. Both from triplet litters. $350 each. H. Roehr, Ardrossan, 922-5973 (9)

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28 SUFFOLK and Suffolk/Finn cross ewes. 2-5 yr olds. Well culled. $90 each. Also purebred Finn ram. Brightbank breeding. 3 yr old. Proven performer - $200. Miles Sharples, Myrnam, 366-2266 (leave message) (9)

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SMALL FLOCK of Suffolk ewes - 12 Hampshire ewes and 10 commercial ewes. These groups are excellent starter flocks or valuable additions to established flocks. Disease-free with up-to-date records. Have produced many champions and are priced to sell. Rimbey, 843-3032 or 843-6763 (9)

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3 ROMANOV/Dorset 1 yr old ram lambs. Guido Pfiffner, Ferintosh, 877-2611 (9)

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96 EWES - 1-4 yr old. North Country cross and Suffolk cross - $85 each. Carol or Bill, McBride, B.C. 604-569-3314 (9)

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1 DORSET/Rambouillet cross ram lamb. 1 Suffolk/Rambouillet cross ram lamb. 1 purebred Suffolk (unregistered yearling - Reid Breeding Background). 3 Suffolk/Rambouillet yearling ewes. Helen Andrews, Sherwood Park, 467-3189 (early AM or after 8 PM) (9)

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1 POLYPAY ram not registered - born Feb '89 - proven breeder. 1 Romanov ram not registered - born Dec '89. 10 7/8 Romanov ewe lambs born Mar & Apr 1990. 25 Suffolk ewes - 1 & 2 yr olds. Breeding stock - no culls. Stan or Bernice, Czar, 857-3773 (9)

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10 POLYPAY ewe lambs - $90 each. Several superior Polypay ram lambs - $125 each. Rhoda Stone, Peace River, 624-8515 (9)

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REGISTERED ROMANOVS. 1-2 yr old ram, 4 - 2 yr old ewes. Some lambs and Romanov crosses available. Vanda Chelick, Hines Creek, 494-2398 (9)

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ACCELERATED LAMBING and increased percentage. Use our Romanov X Suffolk ewe lambs. Also for sale, Romanov X Suffolk rams, yearling Suffolk rams and Suffolk ewe lambs. All ROP tested. Jim & Joanne Pearson, Bowden, 224-3026 (9)

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CANADIAN ARCOTT rams. Born Jan '90. Impressive gain. Only a few left. Come And Go Farm, Marwayne, 847-2135 (9)

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TOP QUALITY Rambouillet ewe lamb & yearling ram from purebred stock. Patricia, Vauxhall, 654-2648 (9)

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CLUN FOREST registered ram lambs. Breed these rams to your ewe lambs for easy lambing and multiple births. Crosses are prolific and thrifty. Don Spicer, Cochrane, 262-5117 or 932-4262 (After 7 PM) (9)

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1/2 & 3/4 ROMANOV rams. Born Dec '89 and Jan '90. Starter flock - 10 Suffolk & Suffolk cross ewes. Bred Hampshire. Born Dec to Jan. Suffolk yearling ram. All healthy with shots. Marg Eden, Stettler, 742-0986 (9)

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BRIGHTBANK FINNSHEEP has top qualtiy Finn rams and ewes. New bloodlines available from semen imported from Finnland. Good selection of lambs available. Yearling rams, fall-born ram lambs and Finn/Dorset cross ram and ewe lambs. ROP tested. Visitors welcome. Kathy Playdon, Stony Plain, 963-0416 (9)

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WE ARE moving! Selling 113 mature ewes and 46 first time lambers, 52 ewe lambs, 2 Finn crossed rams and 1 teaser ram. Sheep equipment as well. Norman Lindquist, Barrhead, 674-5701 (9)

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2 REGISTERED Suffolk rams - 1 yearling and 1 2-yr old. 11 registered Suffolk ewes, good foundation flock. 20 ewe lambs and rams also available. 1 registered Corriedale ram and 2 registered Corriedale ewes and 3 Corriedale lambs. Daniel Dale, Stony Plain, 963-7338 (9)

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POLYPAY SHEEP - Flock reduction - ewe, ewe lambs, ram lambs. Also 15/16 Polypay ewe lambs and ram lambs. Eagle Creek Farm, Dale Caskey, Olds, 556-7401 (After 6 PM) (9)

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BECAUSE WE are retiring - 140 commerical ewes - Hampshire/Suffolk/Romanov. All 2 yrs - 7 yrs of age. Presently in Hays Grazing - for early take out in September. 2 purebred Yaklin Hampshire rams. 3 yrs of age. Good producers. 20 Suffolk/Hampshire ewe lambs. All born in Feb '90 and are from multiple births. Peter & Pat Bartley, Redcliff, 548-6612 (leave a message) (9)

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HERD REDUCTION. Suffolk and Suffolk cross ewes, 2-5 yrs old - $80. Suffolk cross ewe lambs - $75. Polypay ewe lambs - $85. Greg Gergley, Myrnam 366-2524 (9)

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100 FINN cross ewe lambs born April. Dewormed, vaccinated and ked-free. Maternal flock consistently lambs over 200%. Your choice from individual growth and parentage records - $120. Chris Harvey, Rimbey, 843-3494 (9)

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30 EWE lambs and 30 ewes. No culls. Tammy Humeniuk, Vegreville, 764-2670 (After 7PM) (9)

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REGISTERED SUFFOLK and Dorset ram lambs. Also some crossbred ram and ewe lambs. 5 yearling Suffolk and Dorset crossed ewes. Don Christiansen, Ft. Saskatchewan, 998-9062 (9)

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SUFFOLK RAM lambs. Good quality. Circle S Suffolks, Beaumont, 929-9300 (9)

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REGISTERED POLYPAY ewe lambs. Polypay crossbred ewe lambs. Keith, Onoway, 967-3401 (9)

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COMPLETE FLOCK disposal. Ewes - 11 Rambouillet, 8 Rambouillet/Suffolk cross and 8 Rambouillet/Dorset cross. Ewe lambs - 7 Dorset/Rambouillet/Suffolk cross, 6 Rambouillet/Suffolk cross and 8 Rambouillet. All ewes are young and healthy and excellent quality. Isabelle Warrington, Olds, 556-3814 (9)

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10 - 2 yr old Suffolk ewes. 10 ewe lambs - twins & triplets - 1/2 Suffolk, 1/4 Finn and 1/4 Rambouillet. Nice clean flock. Lorraine Shoulders, 459-0969 (9)

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QUALITY SUFFOLK sheep, Happy Valley breeding. January born ewe lambs, market lambs, yearling rams, 3 yr old ewes, also 3 registered Suffolk rams. Gary Boyd, Leduc, 986-8797 (9)

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POLYPAY RAMS. Blake, 556-6969 (9)

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1 BLACK Suffolk ram - 3 yrs - $150. 1 registered 3 yr Finn ram - $300 O.B.O., 1 yearling Hampshire/Finn ram - $125. 25 yearling Hampshire/Finn ewes. Hampshire/Finn lambs - prices vary. C.D. Austin, Box 13 K-H Store Site, R R #1, Quesnel, B.C. V2J 3H5 (9)

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FOR SALE - GOATS

2 ANGORA does 3 & 5 yrs old. Call Bruce or Marilyn, Calmar, 985-3744 (8)

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PYGMY GOATS. 3 Nannies - 2-3 yrs old. Marti, High River, 652-3722 (8)

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NUBIAN DOES & kids. George Lauf, Sherwood Park, 922-4740 (8)

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1 BIG beautiful registered Saanen buck, 3 Saanen milking does, 2 big yearlings, 2 - 5 month old doelings. All tattooed and papered. They are beautiful tame animals. Must sell them due to business commitment. Call Erika, 337-2496 (Home, Carstairs) or 556-2299 (Business, Olds) (8)

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1990 MODEL purebred and grade Nigerian dwarf brown kids. Jeannette Gross, Hanna, 854-2208 (8)

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FROM EXCELLENT milking does - 7/8 Nubian doe kids - $50 each. 1 first kidder with 2 doe kids - $200. 7/8 Nubian buck kids - $50 each. Mrs. Ruecker, Cherhill, 785-2084 (8)

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VARIETY OF goats. Sue Cumming, Ft. Saskatchewan area, 998-0170 (8)

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ANGORA DOES, yearlings & 2 yr olds. Registered yearling bucks. Rhoda Stone, Peace River, 624-8515 (9)

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3 YEAR old purebred Angora doe. $100 or best offer. Cameron Graham, Stettler, 742-1854 (9)

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SHOWDOWN ALPINES offers for sale 1990 registered Alpine doe kids $200 or $300 for nice pair of twin doe kids together. Recorded Canadian Alpine doe kids - $100 each. 1 very nice registered buck kid $200. 2 first fresheners - your pick from 5. All from very good milking bloodlines. 2 purebred Angora does, 3 yrs old, no papers. 1 purebred March '90 buck kid, very nice quality, Brandy Creek breeding $100 each or offers. Christine Simoens, Cochrane, 932-5379 (9)

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REGISTERED CANADIAN Alpine milking doe, 4 yrs, very quiet, good production - $125. 1 Saanen/Toggenburg milking doe, 1 1/2 yr, good milk production. Lori Williamson, Stettler, 742-1854 (9)

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FOR SALE - DOGS

BORDER COLLIE - We have a few pups sired by out Scottish imported dog Cap, the dam of these pups is our little female Trix. These pups will develop into calm, collected, natural working stock dogs. We offer training assistance, also stud service to Cap. Visit us and see all of our dogs perform. Harry Craig, Bentley, 748-2126 (8)

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REGISTERED BORDER Collie puppies. Excellent bloodlines. Born May 12/90. Eckehart Marenholtz, Flatbush, 681-2430 (8)

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GUARD DOG pups. Anatolian Shepherds (Akbash) born June 30. From good working stock. Kerry Bendixen, Marwayne, 847-2135 (9)

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BORDER COLLIES - male puppies born July 6th from non-registered, intelligent, working parents - $75. Greg Gergley, Myrnam, 366-2524 (9)

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REGISTERED GREAT Pyrenees puppies available in October from very good working and show stock. Reserve your

puppy now. Pola Kennels Reg'd, Christine & Harry Simoens, Cochrane, 932-5379 (9)

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7/8 GREAT Pyrenees pups - $150 - working parents. Othen Sheep Farm, Blueberry Mountain, 864-2466 (9)

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REGISTERED BORDER Collie pups from Tina or Meg, sired by Elvin Kopp's Jeff. Parents used on sheep, cow/calf operation. Winston Curtis, Winfield, 682-2124 (9)

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FOR SALE - MISCELLANEOUS

2 GELDED donkey Jacks and 1 Jenny. Elizabeth Boardman, Ponoka, 783-3480 (8)

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1 PORTABLE goat milking machine - $100. 1 electric dehorner - used only twice - $35. Mrs. Ruecker, Cherhill, 785-2084 (8)

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SMALL STANDARD 40 inch Jennies. 1 - 5 yr old bred, 1 yearling and 1 - 8 months old. Jeanette Gross, Hanna, 854-2208 (8)

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LISTER SHEARING machine with new down tube. Asking $600. Bruce or Anne Brander, Langdon, 936-5476 (9)

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FOR SALE OR TRADE

TWO PUREBRED Finn lamb rams (twins). Will take trade on 1 Finn ram for another. Also, purebred Finn lamb ram from a set of triplets. Harvey, Barrhead, 674-3413 (after 7 PM) (8)

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2 REGISTERED Romney ram lambs - $350 each or trade for registered Romney ewes. J. Thiessen, Grimshaw, 971-2493 (8)

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REGISTERED FINN ram. 2 yrs old for registered Suffolk ram. Bill, Boyle, 689-2408 (8)

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FLOCK DISPERSAL - 60 - 2 yr old Suffolk/Rambouillet ewes in excellent health. No culls. Records available - $100/head firm or trade for 2nd Cut alfalfa hay and/or grain. B. Lange, High River, 652-2278 (9)

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WANTED - SHEEP

REGISTERED RAMBOUILLET ram, fleece quality important. Vanda Chelick, Hines Creek, 494-2398 (9)

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REGISTERED HORNED Dorset ram or ram lamb. Also wanted Scottish blackface sheep. Philip Reyda, Berwyn, 597-2113 (9)

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1 YEAR old (upwards) Romney ram. Romney ewes. C.D. Austin, Box 13 K-H Store Site, R R #1, Quesnel, B.C. V2J 3H5 (9)

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WANTED - GOATS

ANGORA GOATS. C. D. Austin, Box 13 K-H Store Site, R R #1, Quesnel, B.C. V2J 3H5 (9)

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WANTED - MISCELLANEOUS

A NEWLY weaned female donkey to use as sheep guardian. Lyle Bowles, Maple Creek, Saskatchewan, 306-662-2916 (8)

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COMPLETE SET of sheep green certificate manuals. Randy Dye, 224-2723 or 749-2280 (8)

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PROFESSIONAL RELIABLE. South-central Alberta, Nick Warner, Austech, Crossfield, 946-5290 (8)

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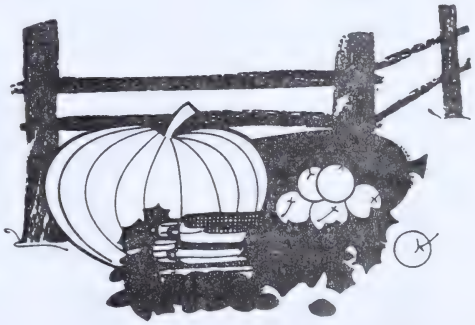

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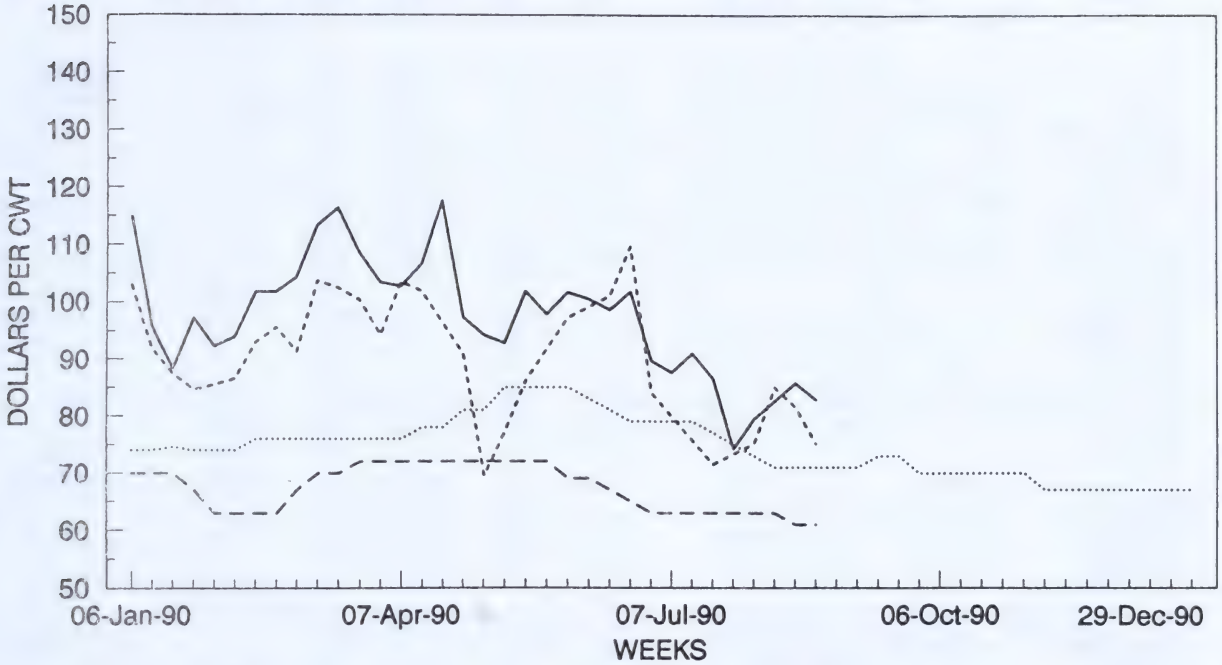

1990 SHRUNK 95-110 LBS LAMBCO 1989 SHRUNK 95-110 LBS LAMBCO

95-110 LBS TORONTO 80-95 LBS TORONTO

Slaughter lamb prices continue to trend downward in most markets in Canada and the United States. The bid range at Lambco, in Innisfail is currently at $58.00 to $61.00 per cwt, while other markets in Alberta, slaughter lamb prices have declined into the $40 to $50 per cwt range.

Statistics Canada's July 1,1990 sheep and lamb inventory report indicates a slowing of the rate of expansion of Eastern Canadian flocks, while in Western Canada, sheep and lamb numbers continue to climb steadily.

	TOTAL SHEEP AND LAMBS			1 YEAR OR OLDER			UNDER 1 YEAR		
	1989	1990	90/89	1989	1990	90/89	1989	1990	90/89
	('000 HEAD)								
Maritimes	58.9	55.3	94%	30.5	29.2	96%	28.4	26.0	92%
Quebec	114.0	118.0	104%	72.6	75.2	104%	41.4	42.8	103%
Ontario	212.0	215.0	101%	120.2	121.3	101%	91.8	93.7	102%
TOTAL EAST	384.9	388.2	101%	223.3	225.7	101%	161.5	162.5	101%
Manitoba	23.0	24.0	104%	12.7	13.2	104%	10.3	10.8	105%
Saskatchewan	52.0	56.0	108%	25.4	27.3	107%	26.6	28.7	108%
Alberta	212.0	233.0	110%	96.0	104.5	109%	116.0	128.5	111%
B.C.	57.0	58.0	102%	28.0	28.5	102%	29.0	29.5	102%
TOTAL WEST	344.0	371.0	108%	162.1	173.5	107%	181.9	197.5	109%
CANADA	728.9	759.2	104%	385.4	399.2	104%	343.5	360.0	105%

PRICE RANGE AND VOLUMES FOR GOOD LAMBS 95-110 LBS AT LAMBCO

	WEEK 1	WEEK2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	MONTHLY SUMMARY
CURRENT MON						
AUG 1990	60.00-63.00	60.00-63.00	58.00-61.00	58.00-61.00		59.00-62.00
LAST MON						
JUL 1990	60.00-63.00	60.00-63.00	60.00-63.00	60.00-63.00		60.00-63.00
YR AGO MON						
AUG 1989	72.00-75.00	70.00-73.00	68.00-71.00	68.00-71.00		69.50-72.50
VOLUMES						
AUG 1990	1,720	1,555	1,269	1,381		5,925
AUG 1989	1,610	1,685	1,718	1,538		6,551

PRICE RANGE AND VOLUMES FOR GOOD LAMBS 95-110 LBS AT TORONTO PUBLIC STOCKYARDS
(With weighted average price in brackets beneath each range)

	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	MONTHLY SUMMARY
CURRENT MON	70.00-80.00	83.00-89.00	80.00-88.00	74.00-77.00		
AUG 1990	(75.17)	(85.00)	(81.55)	(75.13)		80.44
LAST MON	N.E.P.	N.E.P.	62.00-81.00	N.E.P.		
JUL 1990			(71.48)			71.48
YR AGO MON	85.00-106.00	75.00-87.00	70.00-85.00	N.E.P.		
AUG 1989	(97.82)	(77.35)	(78.60)			82.16
AUG/90 VOLUME	30	39	63	17		149
AVG WEIGHT	104.8	98.0	97.1	102.1		

PRICE RANGE AND VOLUMES FOR GOOD LAMBS 80-95 LBS AT TORONTO PUBLIC STOCKYARDS
(With weighted average price in brackets beneath each range)

	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	MONTHLY SUMMARY
CURRENT MON	70.00-90.00	N.E.P.	75.00-99.00	70.00-92.00		
AUG 1990	(79.48)		(85.76)	(82.81)		83.27
LAST MON	80.00-95.00	86.00-96.00	75.00-96.00	70.00-83.00		
JUL 1990	(87.61)	(91.01)	(86.53)	(74.16)		85.62
YR AGO MON	80.00-115.00	85.00-109.00	73.00-116.00	80.00-110.00		
AUG 1989	(95.30)	(94.35)	(92.99)	(82.33)		91.66
AUG/90 VOLUME	79		192	381		652
AVG WEIGHT	86.9		86.4	87.7		

Prices quoted for 95-110 lb lambs are bid prices at lambco and auction prices at Toronto Public Stockyards for good quality lambs. The lower end of the Alberta price range reflects bids for short haul unshrunk lambs, while the upper end of the range represents bids for long haul or shrunk lambs. Producers delivering to the Toronto Public Stockyards pay commission and yardage fees for each animal sold. Producers delivering to Lambco pay $1/head chaeckoff to the Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission.

The Toronto auction price is from the Special Sheep and Lamb Sale held on Monday each wee

N.E.P - No established price

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REPRESENTATIVE LIVE SALES AS OF AUGUST24, 1990

AREA	TYPE OF SHEEP	TYPE OF SALE	HEAD	LBS.	WEIGHING CONDITIONS	PRICE ($/CWT.)
WEST COAST						
California	Spring	Direct	3000	100	Choice & prime, wooled, double dressed delivered	57.00
Oregon	Spring	Direct	330	100-130	Choice & prime, wooled, FOB overnight	50.05
Washington	Spring	Direct	338	110-115	Choice & prime, wooled, double dressed or del.	52.00-54.00
Oregon	Feeder	Direct	250	80-100	Choice & fancy, wooled, FOB overnight	47.12
MOUNTAIN						
Montana	Spring	Auction	500	100-130	Choice & prime, wooled	48.25-51.50
Nevada	Spring	Direct	450	115-120	Choice & prime, wooled, double dressed del.	57.00
Montana	Feeder	Auction	1550	70-110	Choice & fancy, wooled	47.50-51.25
Montana	Feeder	Direct	500	90-100	Choice & fancy, wooled, FOB overnight	50.00
Wyoming	Feeder	Direct	500	85- 95	Choice & fancy, wooled, FOB overnight	51.00
Montana	Sl. Ewe	Auction	1000		Utility & good	19.00-23.00
SOUTH CENTRAL						
Texas	Feedlot	Direct	11000	110-125	Choice & prime, shorn, 51% yield guar.	54.00-56.00
Texas	Feedlot	Direct	3000	100-115	Choice & prime, shorn, FOB 4% guar.	53.00-55.00
Texas	Feedlot	Direct	1600	115-130	Choice & prime, shorn, FOB 4% guar.	52.00-54.00
Kansas	Feeder	Auction	350	70-100	Choice & fancy, wooled	50.00-57.50
Texas	Feeder	Auction	500	40- 60	Choice & fancy, wooled	54.00-59.00
Texas	Feeder	Auction	1150	60- 70	Choice & fancy, wooled	50.00-59.00
Texas	Feeder	Auction	2350	70-100	Choice & fancy, wooled	50.00-55.00
Texas	Sl. Ewe	Auction	950		Good	35.00-40.00
Texas	Sl. Ewe	Auction	2500		Utility	26.00-36.00
Texas	Sl. Ewe	Auction	500		Cull	15.00-26.50
Texas	St. Ewe	Direct	1200		Yearlings (per hd.)	70.00
Texas	St. Ewe	Auction	2000		Mixed age (per hd.)	46.00-60.00
Texas	St. Ewe	Auction	1000		Solid mouth (per hd.)	36.00-45.00
NORTH CENTRAL						
Illinois	Spring	Computer	1244	113-117	Choice & prime, wooled, $5 buck disc., 3% shr.	50.50-51.75
Iowa	Spring	Computer	405	120	Choice & prime, wooled, $5 buck disc., 3% shr.	53.00
Iowa	Spring	Auction	750	120-140	Choice & prime, wooled & shorn	50.25-54.60
Iowa	Spring	Auction	310	95-120	Choice & prime, wooled & shorn	47.50-52.00
IA-S.MN	Spring	Direct	10250	108-136	Choice & prime, $1-2 wooled disc., FOB 4% shr.	50.00-55.00
IA-S.MN	Spring	Direct	1850	98-115	Choice & prime, shorn, FOB 4% shr.	47.00-50.00
Minnesota	Spring	Auction	700	110-135	Choice & prime ,wooled & shorn	50.00-54.00
Minnesota	Spring	Auction	225	100-110	Choice & prime, wooled	48.00-52.00
N. Dakota	Spring	Auction	470	95-134	Choice & prime, wooled	46.00-50.00
N. Dakota	Spring	Computer	396	123	Choice & prime, wooled, $5 buck disc., 3% shr.	53.25
S. Dakota	Spring	Auction	690	114-140	Choice & prime, wooled & shorn	50.00-54.25
Wisconsin	Spring	Computer	830	114	Choice & prime, wooled, $5 buck disc, 3% shr.	48.25-50.00
Iowa	Feeder	Auction	325	70- 90	Choice & fancy, wooled	46.00-53.00
Minnesota	Feeder	Auction	1035	60- 90	Choice & fancy, wooled	45.00-50.00
S. Dakota	Feeder	Auction	2100	83-110	Choice & fancy, wooled	49.25-50.50
S. Dakota	St. Ewe	Auction	325	80-100	Ewe lambs	50.50-52.25
EASTERN						
Ohio	Spring	Auction	600	100-125	Choice & prime, $2 wooled disc.	50.00-52.25
Penn.	Spring	Auction	325	80-110	Choice & prime, shorn	60.00-65.00
Virginia	Spring	Auction	660	95-125	Choice & prime, wooled	46.75-49.50
Virginia	Spring	Computer	1073	95-125	Choice & prime, $3 low choice disc.	48.00

TEXAS FEEDLOT PRICE
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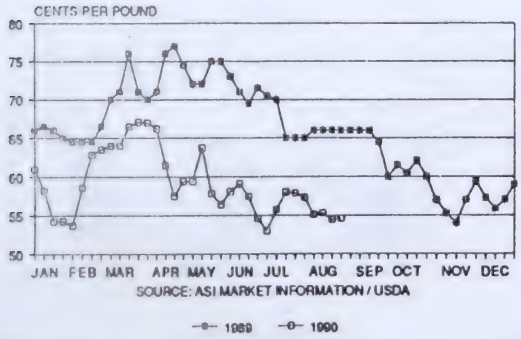

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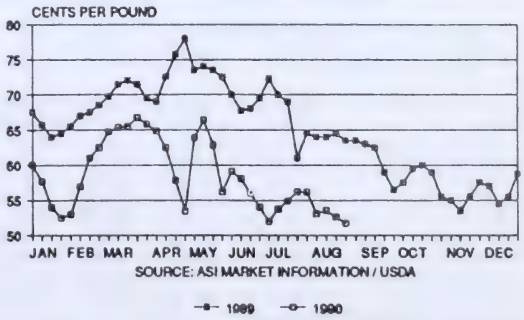


FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER (Head)

	THIS WEEK (estimated)	% THIS WEEK vs LAST WEEK	% THIS WEEK vs LAST YEAR	WEEK ENDING 8/04/90 (actual)	TOTAL YEAR TO DATE	% 1990 vs 1989 TOTAL
SHEEP	101,000	0.0	-4.2	96,362	3,568,000	+4.0
CATTLE	646,000	-1.1	+2.5	617,019	21,357,000	-1.3
CALF	32,000	0.0	-22.2	33,052	1,137,000	-16.3
HOGS	1,622,000	+0.8	+0.7	1,463,176	52,810,000	-3.7

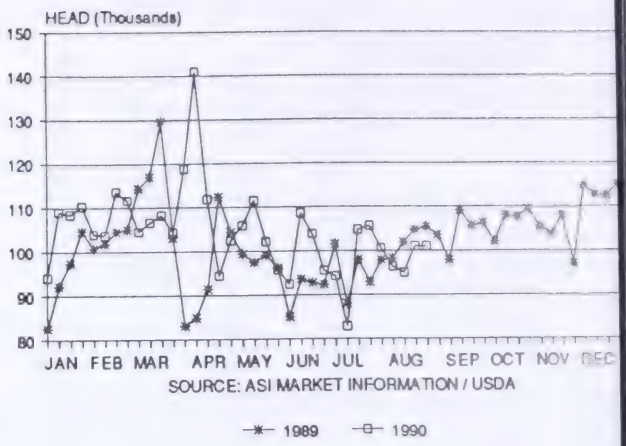
RED MEAT PRODUCTION (million pounds)

	THIS WEEK (estimated)	% THIS WEEK vs LAST WEEK	% THIS WEEK vs LAST YEAR	WEEK ENDING 7/28/90 (actual)	TOTAL YEAR TO DATE	% 1990 vs 1989 TOTAL
LAMB	6.1	-1.6	-7.0	6.1	227.3	+7.7
BEEF	442.1	-0.8	+1.4	444.6	14,496.0	-0.8
VEAL	5.7	-0.6	-3.6	5.6	190.1	-12.1
PORK	291.0	+0.8	+2.7	245.7	9,457.1	-3.3
TOTAL	744.9	-0.2	+1.8	702.0	24,370.5	-1.8

DRESSED WEIGHT		PERCENT LAMB SLAUGHTER	
THIS WEEK (EST.)	61	8/04/90	93.2
7/28/90 (ACT.)	61	8/05/89	92.5S

AS OF AUGUST 24, 1990

AVERAGE WEEKLY F.I. SLAUGHTER



WHOLESALE LAMB MARKET

	55 lbs-down	55-65 lbs	65-75 lbs
NORTHEAST	$1.18	$1.20	$1.22
FOB RIVER	$1.13	$1.15	$1.17

LESS THAN CARLOT

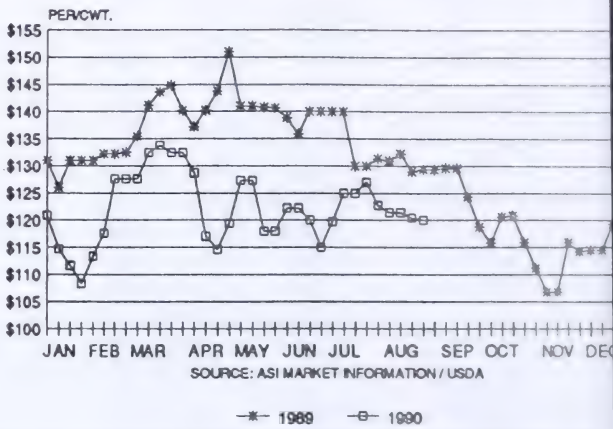
LOS ANGELES	$1.20*	$1.20*	$1.22
BAY AREA	$1.23*	$1.23**	$1.25

* 60 lbs. & down ** 60-65 lbs.

Wholesale carcass prices held steady in the Northeast and on the River. The few 75-85 lb. carcasses being traded continued to bring $122.00-122.50 in the Northeast. Prices were also steady in Los Angeles and San Francisco, Calif. One packer, however, did sell a few 65 lb. and lighter carcasses in Los Angeles for $118.00.

EAST COAST WHOLESALE PRICE

WEIGHTED AVERAGE ALL WEIGHTS



DISTRIBUTIVE CUT MARKET & RETAIL FEATURE ACTIVITY

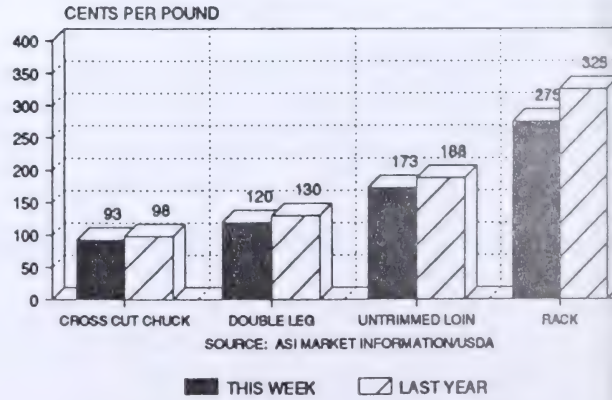
Wholesale cut prices tended to be steady to stronger nationwide. In the Northeast, racks weighing 7-8 lbs., and legs were steady to 5 cents higher. In Los Angeles, Calif., legs were 2-5 cents higher while chucks were steady to 5 cents higher. Cut prices in San Francisco, Calif., and in the Rocky Mountain region remained steady. Feature activity is expected to pick up in upcoming weeks.

ITEM	NORTH-EAST	BAY AREA	LOS ANGELES	GREAT LAKES
CHUCK CROSS CUT	$ .85-1.00	No Quote	No Quote	$1.05-1.07*
CHUCK SQUARE CUT	No Quote	$1.20*	$1.10*	$1.22*
SINGLE LEG	No Quote	$1.65*	$1.55*	$1.62*
DOUBLE LEG	$1.15-1.25	$1.45	$1.40	$1.38-1.42
LOIN	$1.60-1.85	$3.65*	$3.55*	$2.90*
RACK 7 UP	$2.60-2.90	$3.20*	$3.05*	$2.85-3.00*
FORE SADDLE	No Quote	$1.35	$1.30	$1.15
HIND SADDLE	$1.35-1.50	$1.75	$1.59	$1.45

* Trimmed and/or vacuumed packed

EAST COAST CUT PRICES

AVERAGE



FOR 24-HOUR LAMB MARKET NEWS CALL 303-771-8472

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September 25	Attention Camrose Area Sheep Producers! Tonight is the night for any questions you have on dogs and sheep. The first speaker for tonight is Elvin Kopp. Elvin will be talking about the benefits of a herd dog. The second speaker will be Eric Hutchings who will have a presentation on guard dogs. Anyone with questions is invited to attend. Also remember to bring in two feed samples (one grain, one forage) so that they can be analysed and be ready for October's ration balancing clinic. For further information contact Wray at 427-5083.
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October 11	North-Central Sheep Sales. Fat and Feeder lambs. Special Goat Sale including Breeding Stock. Edmonton Public Stockyards. Deadline for sheep deliveries at all sales is 9:00 A.M. For additional information (sheep) contact Bruce McGhan, Box 739, Calmar, TOC OVO, phone 985-3744 or John Bolay (goats), RR #1, Westlock, TOG 2LO, phone 349-5203.
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October 30	Attention Camrose Area Sheep Producers! Tonights meeting will be a ration balancing clinic that will help you set up your winter feeding program (remember to take your feed samples to the September meeting). Also time will be spent on discussing future sites for tours. Everyone welcome. For further information contact Wray at 427-5083.
October 31	Entry Date 1990 Alberta Ram Test Station - Fall Test - Olds College. To obtain an inspection form or for further information contact Wray Whitmore at 427-5083.
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November 27	Attention Camrose Area Sheep Producers! Record keeping is a very important part of any successful livestock operation. Why you need good records and how to keep them will be presented tonight. For further information contact Wray at 427-5083.
November 28 - December 2	Intermediate Sheep Management Workshop. Resource Person - William K. Kruesi, Wallingford, Vermont. Author - Sheep Raiser's Manual and full time sheep producer. Co-sponsored by the Cee-Der Sheep Products. Limited to 15 participants. Cost - $330.00 course registration, accommodation and meals. For further information contact Mr. Glynn Brooks, Cee-Der Chalets, Box 525, Canmore, Alberta TOL OMO or phone 678-5251.

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Researcher requires hoof samples from FOOT ROT INFECTED SHEEP - will come to your farm - all information kept confidential - before you treat or cull infected animals please call - University of Calgary 220-7932 or 220-5279 (days), 282-7954 (evenings). Your assistance is very much needed to obtain valuable information on this disease for control and eradication development.

Your Opinion

July 19, 1990

Dear Editor:

After reading the article about the Romanov wool by Eric Bjergso, the General Manager of the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers Ltd. we are moved to comment.

As a child, I was taught not to base an opinion until I had all the facts. Apparently Mr. Bjergso was not raised the same way, if he had "the facts" he would have known about:

1. PHENOMENAL MULTIPLE BIRTHS Where else can you get a ewe capable of producing a 300% lamb crop? (This year our two year old Romanov crosses presented us with a 339% lamb crop). Quadruplets, quintuplets and sextuplets are common. The highest record for a Romanov is nine live lambs in one litter. The highest bearing ewe on record had sixty four live lambs in twelve lambings. As well as averaging 3.3 lambs per ewe most Romanov breeders expect their ewes to raise four lambs unassisted, SUFFICIENT MILK IS NO PROBLEM.
2. EARLY MATURITY: Most sheep mature to be bred when they are six to seven months old, Romanov will breed when they are seventy days old.
3. OUT OF SEASON BREEDING: A Romanov ewe can be bred any month of theyear, naturally! I mean, no light treatment, no sponges, no nothing..NATURALLY!
4. Romanov lambs produce SUPERIOR CARCASSES. On tests that the Lethbridge Experimental Station have done they have found Romanov carcasses to be very acceptable with A1:A2 grading ratio of 65:35 compared to 40:60 in common breeds of purebred lambs at 45 kg live weight. Romanov sheep tend to store extra body fat in the internal depots such as around the kidneys and intestines. This tends to go hand-in-hand with less fat being present on the outside of the carcass where it affects carcass grading.
5. AGGRESSIVENESS OF THE NEWBORN. In our lambing years we have experimented with different breeds of sheep: from Finn, to Finn/Rambouillet, to Dorset, to Suffolk to Polypay and finally ROMANOV. In no other lambs, have we seen such a willingness to live! They survive conditions where traditional breeds of sheep would lose out. Born with a unique hair coat, Romanov lambs, dry faster than other breeds. Their coats are black, when born, acting as a magnet to draw heat. The Survivability of the newborns is the "key" to the success of the Romanov breed.
6. We did a little research on HYBRID VIGOR and found that being genetically unique from most North American and British breeds, the level of hybrid vigor in the Romanov cross is much higher then that usually obtained by crosses between common domestic breeds. We have found out one half Romanov lambs will out-grow, out-gain, and generally out-perform all our other breeds & crosses. Lethbridge Experimental Station has documented evidnece that the one-half Romanov lamb are gaining 1.08 lbs. a day. (This is as good as, or better then the Suffolk lamb.)

The benefits of the Romanov are never ending! Nothing is perfect and the one small flaw in the "almost perfect ewe" is the wool, but the pros still far out weigh the cons.

The dictionary defines the word "co-operative" as a union of farmers for buying and selling their products at a best price. No where can I see that a co-operative has the right to turn to its members and tell them that it doesn't want their product. This is exactly what Mr. Bjergso has done. I believe Mr. Bjergso was put in the general manager position "by the people, for the people", its not up to him to decide what he will or wil not sell. If there is presently not a market for Romanov wool, WHY DOESN'T HE DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT? How much time, or energy or research has been put into developing a market? There must be a market out there somewhere, be it carpet wool, insulation etc. He will not find an open door unless he knocks on a few. How many has he knocked on?

Mr. Bjergso said the Canadian Federal Government should have consulted the wool industry before they imported the Romanov. Why? Did the Suffolk breeders consult the government before importing Suffolks? It is a proven fact that 1/2 Romanov crosses have less black fiber then a purebred Suffolk. Has the Wool Co-operative ever asked the Suffolk breeders to give up their superior gaining meat lambs because of its dark fibers. Considering the fact, that a 1/2 Romanov lamb can out-gain a Suffolk lamb, how do you think we feel about a few dark fibers?

The price of wool..regardless of colour..is a joke. We have had to concentrate on areas that we can control, such as lambing percentages! We'll take the Romanov ewe and phenomenal multiple births and forget about her wool...and still be money ahead.

We have a personal word for Mr. Bjergson:

"If after reading the above you still feel that the Romanov wool is a major problem, we would like to invite you to spend a month with us next lambing season. There is one qualification..YOU MUST BE OPEN MINDED! We guarantee you that after spending some time with this super ewe, you will not be the same."

After all, unless you try it, don't knock it!

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Dear Editor:

The letter published in your last issue of Sheep Footnotes from Pat Barrot contains many inaccuracies and false statements regarding Romanov wool and the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers Limited, which I would appreciate an opportunity to respond to.

I do not dispute the desirable characteristic's that the Romanov breed has to offer for improving lamb production, but in terms of wool production this breed will have a negative effect and is definetely a step backwards for the wool industry in Canada and the United States. Our contention is that wool can be an important and significant source of revenue and should not be dismissed as an irritating by-product. If this attitude prevails it will be very difficult to improve financial returns for wool. Sheep are a dual purpose animal and the industry should be striving to produce an animal with a heavier and finer fleece as well as improved lamb production traits, to maximize financial returns. Wool is a renewable resource and if we are to compete on the international market with wool growers from Australia, New Zealand and South Africa we must take steps to improve the quality of our product. That is why we regret that Agriculture Canada did not more fully study and analyze the repercussions of the Romanov breed on the wool industry when the same desirable traits of the Romanov breed may have been achieved through the use of other breeds without contaminating the wool clip.

The facts on Romanov wool need to be told so that producers are made fully aware. Pure Romanov wool is primarily used in specific carpet blends, therefore it has a very limited application which in turn reduces it's market value and no amount of imaginative marketing will change this fact. I can assure you that the reaction from woolen mills on Romanov wool is not positive. It is correct that cross bred Romanov wool is quite marketable but our primary concern is that the highly heritable characteristic's of wool will pass on the Romanov traits (kempy, coloured, & hairy

fibers) in one form or another to future crosses and they will become increasingly noticeable. It seems unfortunate to sacrifice wool quality and income if other options/breeds are available to obtain the same desirable lamb production traits. It is not my intention to condemn the Romanov breed and obviously some producers are using the breed to good advantage and therefore I can appreciate their loyalty, but the wool industry does not share this same enthusiasm for Romanov wool.

In terms of our organization, Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers Limited, we are not a private company, never have been, and probably never will be. We are a national, producer owned co-operative in existence since 1918 that collects, grades and endeavours to market Canadian wool to it's maximum market potential, year round. The Board of Directors (10) are sheep producers who are elected provincially by the shareholders of the co-operative and serve a two year term which is automatically followed by an election. Our traditional method of wool purchasing has been an advance payment with final payment pending grading results and the subsequent sale of the wool or an outright purchase when the quality of the wool is known and market conditions warrant this method of payment.

Yours very truly,

Eric Bjergso
General Manger

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Canadian Sheep Federation held their first organizational meeting in Ottawa, Ontario on August 24 and 25, 1990.

Representatives from nine provincial sheep organizations and three other recognized national sheep organizations participated in enthusiastic discussions concerning all facets of the industry.

The Canadian Sheep Federation's Executive Board of Directors include: Mr. Gerry Pittman (Alberta) as chairman, Mrs. Carolyn Hills (Ontario) as vice chair, Mr. Jonathan Wort (Nova Scotia) and Mr. Bruce Cochrane (British Columbia) as the Executive Directors at large. Appointed as the Federation's Ottawa representative and Executive Director/Secretary Treasurer is Mr. Andre Dagenais.

"The Canadian sheep industry has a number of issues such as trade imports, health, research and effective communication that must be addressed in a positive manner at the national level" said Mr. Pittman.

In order to address these issues, improve communications and develop a closer working relationship with the Federal Government, the Federation has established an Ottawa office at 30 Tripp Crescent in Nepean, Ontario K2J 1C6. Telephone and Facsimile number (613) 825-3866.

Inquiries and further information concerning the Canadian Sheep Federation can be obtained by contacting Mr. Andre Dagenais, at the previously mentioned location.

The Classifieds

FOR SALE - SHEEP

CANADIAN ARCOTT rams after August - all 8 from twin sets 1990. Place orders early for these registered animals. J & A Grosseth, St. Paul, 724-2058 (9)

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REGISTERED NORTH Country Cheviot mature ewes and rams. Registered ewe and ram lambs and grade ewe lambs. Lyle Hamer, Red Water, 942-4184 (9)

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2 PUREBRED registered Polypay ram lambs. Both from triplet litters. $350 each. H. Roehr, Ardrossan, 922-5973 (9)

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28 SUFFOLK and Suffolk/Finn cross ewes. 2-5 yr olds. Well culled. $90 each. Also purebred Finn ram. Brightbank breeding. 3 yr old. Proven performer - $200. Miles Sharples, Myrnam, 366-2266 (leave message) (9)

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SMALL FLOCK of Suffolk ewes - 12 Hampshire ewes and 10 commercial ewes. These groups are excellent starter flocks or valuable additions to established flocks. Disease-free with up-to-date records. Have produced many champions and are priced to sell. Rimbey, 843-3032 or 843-6763 (9)

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3 ROMANOV/Dorset 1 yr old ram lambs. Guido Pfiffner, Ferintosh, 877-2611 (9)

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96 EWES - 1-4 yr old. North Country cross and Suffolk cross - $85 each. Carol or Bill, McBride, B.C. 604-569-3314 (9)

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1 DORSET/Rambouillet black ram lamb. 1 Suffolk/Rambouillet cross ram lamb. 1 purebred Suffolk (unregistered yearling - Reid Breeding Background). 3 Suffolk/Rambouillet yearling ewes. Helen Andrews, Sherwood Park, 467-3189 (early AM or after 8 PM) (9)

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1 POLYPAY ram not registered - born Feb '89 - proven breeder. 1 Romanov ram not registered - born Dec '89. 10 7/8 Romanov ewe lambs born Mar & Apr 1990. 25 Suffolk ewes - 1 & 2 yr olds. Breeding stock - no culls. Stan or Bernice, Czar, 857-3773 (9)

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10 POLYPAY ewe lambs - $90 each. Several superior Polypay ram lambs - $125 each. Rhoda Stone, Peace River, 624-8515 (9)

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REGISTERED ROMANOVS. 1-2 yr old ram, 4 - 2 yr old ewes. Some lambs and Romanov crosses available. Vanda Chelick, Hines Creek, 494-2398 (9)

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ACCELERATED LAMBING and increased percentage. Use our Romanov X Suffolk ewe lambs. Also for sale, Romanov X Suffolk rams, yearling Suffolk rams and Suffolk ewe lambs. All ROP tested. Jim & Joanne Pearson, Bowden, 224-3026 (9)

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CANADIAN ARCOTT rams. Born Jan '90. Impressive gain. Only a few left. Come And Go Farm, Marwayne, 847-2135 (9)

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TOP QUALITY Rambouillet ewe lamb & yearling ram from purebred stock. Patricia, Vauxhall, 654-2648 (9)

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CLUN FOREST registered ram lambs. Breed these rams to your ewe lambs for easy lambing and multiple births. Crosses are prolific and thrifty. Don Spicer, Cochrane, 262-5117 or 932-4262 (After 7 PM) (9)

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1/2 & 3/4 ROMANOV rams. Born Dec '89 and Jan '90. Starter flock - 10 Suffolk & Suffolk cross ewes. Bred Hampshire. Born Dec to Jan. Suffolk yearling ram. All healthy with shots. Marg Eden, Stettler, 742-0986 (9)

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BRIGHTBANK FINNSHEEP has top qualtiy Finn rams and ewes. New bloodlines available from semen imported from Finnland. Good selection of lambs available. Yearling rams, fall-born ram lambs and Finn/Dorset cross ram and ewe lambs. ROP tested. Visitors welcome. Kathy Playdon, Stony Plain, 963-0416 (9)

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WE ARE moving! Selling 113 mature ewes and 46 first time lambers, 52 ewe lambs, 2 Finn crossed rams and 1 teaser ram. Sheep equipment as well. Norman Lindquist, Barrhead, 674-5701 (9)

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2 REGISTERED Suffolk rams - 1 yearling and 1 2-yr old. 11 registered Suffolk ewes, good foundation flock. 20 ewe lambs and rams also available. 1 registered Corriedale ram and 2 registered Corriedale ewes and 3 Corriedale lambs. Daniel Dale, Stony Plain, 963-7338 (9)

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POLYPAY RAMS. Blake, 556-6969 (9)

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POLYPAY SHEEP - Flock reduction - ewe, ewe lambs, ram lambs. Also 15/16 Polypay ewe lambs and ram lambs. Eagle Creek Farm, Dale Caskey, Olds, 556-7401 (After 6 PM) (9)

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BECAUSE WE are retiring - 140 commerical ewes - Hampshire/Suffolk/Romanov. All 2 yrs - 7 yrs of age. Presently in Hays Grazing - for early take out in September. 2 purebred Yaklin Hampshire rams. 3 yrs of age. Good producers. 20 Suffolk/Hampshire ewe lambs. All born in Feb '90 and are from multiple births. Peter & Pat Bartley, Redcliff, 548-6612 (leave a message) (9)

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HERD REDUCTION. Suffolk and Suffolk cross ewes, 2-5 yrs old - $80. Suffolk cross ewe lambs - $75. Polypay ewe lambs - $85. Greg Gergley, Myrnam 366-2524 (9)

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100 FINN cross ewe lambs born April. Dewormed, vaccinated and ked-free. Maternal flock consistently lambs over 200%. Your choice from individual growth and parentage records - $120. Chris Harvey, Rimbey, 843-3494 (9)

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30 EWE lambs and 30 ewes. No culls. Tammy Humeniuk, Vegreville, 764-2670 (After 7PM) (9)

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REGISTERED SUFFOLK and Dorset ram lambs. Also some crossbred ram and ewe lambs. 5 yearling Suffolk and Dorset crossed ewes. Don Christiansen, Ft. Saskatchewan, 998-9062 (9)

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SUFFOLK RAM lambs. Good quality. Circle S Suffolks, Beaumont, 929-9300 (9)

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REGISTERED POLYPAY ewe lambs. Polypay crossbred ewe lambs. Keith, Onoway, 967-3401 (9)

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COMPLETE FLOCK disposal. Ewes - 11 Romanov, 8 Romanov /Suffolk cross and 8 Romanov/Dorset cross. Ewe lambs - 7 Dorset/Romanov/Suffolk cross, 6 Romanov/Suffolk cross and 8 Romanov. All ewes are young and healthy and excellent quality. Isabelle Warrington, Olds, 556-3814 (9)

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10 - 2 yr old Suffolk ewes. 10 ewe lambs - twins & triplets - 1/2 Suffolk, 1/4 Finn and 1/4 Rambouillet. Nice clean flock. Lorraine Shoulders, 459-0969 (9)

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QUALITY SUFFOLK sheep, Happy Valley breeding. January born ewe lambs, market lambs, yearling rams, 3 yr old ewes, also 3 registered Suffolk rams. Gary Boyd, Leduc, 986-8797 (9)

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1 BLACK Suffolk ram - 3 yrs - $150. 1 registered 3 yr Finn ram - $300 O.B.O., 1 yearling Hampshire/Finn ram - $125. 25 yearling Hampshire/Finn ewes. Hampshire/ Finn lambs - prices vary. C.D. Austin, Box 13 K-H Store Site, R R #1, Quesnel, B.C. V2J 3H5 (9)

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85 DORSET and Dorset/Finn cross young bred ewes. 20 Dorset/Finn cross ewe lambs, December born. Phyllis Wagar, Wetaskiwin, 352-3439 (9)

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TWIN & triplet ewe lambs. Finn/Suffolk/Rambouillet and Romonov/Suffolk/Rambouillet breeding. Jan-Feb born. Brian & Rena Waite, Killam, 385-2335 (9)

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TINTO RAM lambs. North Country Cheviot/Suffolk cross triplet ram lambs. Ron Gale, Sundre, 638-2836 (10)

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WE DECIDED to keep last year's ewe lambs and lamb them out and are we glad we did! These gals lambed out at 12-14 months of age, weaned a 218% lamb crop and their lambs averaged 1.14 lbs/day to 50 days. Clear Hills Finnsheep is selling the last of its Finns - the best in North America. Call about these yearling ewes today. Also for sale, are the FxD ewe lambs and ram lambs off of these ewes. Call Tina, 971-2408 (10)

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JUST FOR the beginner shepherd - 20 one and three year old Rambouillet ewes. They are excellent mothers and very gentle. Rob, Fort Macleod, 553-2196 (after 6)(10)

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LIMITED NUMBER of my best Romanov/Suffolk and Romanov/ Dorset ewe lambs and ram lambs. Nancy Peterson, Dawson Creek, (604) 789-3135 (10)

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REGISTERED FOUR year old North Country Cheviot ram - $200. Also 12 Cheviot cross ewes, 1-5 yrs old, all healthy - $80 each or best offer. Stuart or Shelagh Meston, Three Hills, 443-2579 (10)

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PUREBRED FINN ewe and ram lambs. Starting at $100. Campsie Cove Mini Farm, Robert, Barrhead, 674-2968(10)

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DORSET RAM. 2 yrs old. $100.00. Norm Hamilton, Stettler, 742-5989 (10)

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3 YEAR old Romanov/Suffolk cross ram. Really good producer - $150. Joanne, Olds, 556-3429 (10)

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POLYPAY RAMS - yearlings and lambs, some fall born. Rose Willo Ranch, Cranbrook, B.C. (604) 426-3514 (After 6 PM) (10)

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4 PUREBRED registered Katahdin rams. 4 Katahdin/ Columbian ewe lambs. 4 - 1 1/2 yr old Columbian cross ewes. Debbie Ouellet, Tangent, 359-2519 (10)

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20 YOUNG, mostly Finn ewes. 1 Finn ram and this season's ewe lambs. Healthy and productive. Kay Dobson, Athabasca, 675-4525 (10)

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100 HEAD of young ewes, 2 rams and 2 llamas. Call 854-2506, Hanna (10)

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16 EXPERIENCED bred Suffolk ewes. Bred Polypay or Rambouillet. 1 yearling range Rambouillet ram. Purebred but no papers. 1 - 2 yr old Finn/Rambouillet ram. 3 experienced range Rambouillet ewes. 7 Suffolk ewe lambs. All bred Polypay or Rambouillet. Crossbred lambs - Polypay/Cheviot, Polypay/Rambouillet and Polypay/Suffolk. Mrs. Nolan, Hythe, 356-2778 or 356-2791 (10)

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150 EWES, 30 registered Rambouillet. From Jensen/ Stewart/Robbins and Jackson breeding. Very clean. Perfect condition. Contact Stephanie Miller, Williams Lake. B.C., (604) 392-5081 (10)

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1 PUREBRED registered Romanov ram - 4 yrs old. 2 purebred Suffolk ram lambs unregistered. 18 - 1/2 x 3/4 Romanov cross ewes. Double D Acres, Dave & Debra Shalapy, Athabasca, 675-3196 (After 7 PM) (10)

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25 EWE lambs, Finn/Suffolk cross, 1 purebred Suffolk ram. Linda, Winfield, 682-3803 (After 6 PM) (10)

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2 RAM lambs (triplet). Born May '90. Straight Rambouillet. Judith Baker, Stony Plain, 963-8261 (10)

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1 YEAR old Suffolk registered ram - twin - born Mar '89, Waskatenau area. Phone Paul or Joyce, Edmonton, 476-4796 (10)

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2 REGISTERED Suffolk ram lambs. 1 grade Suffolk ram lamb and ewe lambs OR complete flock dispersal. This is a very clean flock. Their dams are top producing in our flock. Their sire is a good index Sudon ram. We also have ewe lambs Suffolk X Rambouillet X Finn. They are born Feb, twins or triplets only, about 25 of them. Our sheep are culled over 15 years. $80 - $85 a head for the ewe lambs, $250 for the rams. Call Katarina Sjoquist, Valleyview, 524-2465 (10)

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FLOCK DISPERSAL. Suffolk/Dorset cross. 73 ewes to lamb in December. 23 ewe lambs to lamb in January. Contact Pauline, Ponoka, 783-6889 (10)

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PUT EXTRA prolificy in your flock. Good selection of registered Outaouqis Arcott rams. Ready to go to work. Elaine Forrester, Westerose, 586-2768 (10)

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SELLING OUT. Suffolk and Finns. Ewes, lambs and rams. R. Brus, Edmonton, 973-5695 (10)

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8 PUREBRED Suffolk ewe lambs. 1 purebred Cheviot ram lamb. 4 purebred Suffolk ram lambs. 1 big 2 yr purebred Suffolk ram. Priced to sell. Glen Kershaw, Didsbury, 335-4983 (10)

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PUREBRED ROMANOV rams. Ready to breed. Registered and unregistered available. Now is the time to produce and keep some prolific, hardy 1/2 Romanov ewes. Jim Mumm, Hazelridge Farm, Shellbrook, Saskatchewan, (306) 747-2935 (10)

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HAMPSHIRE & Dorset rams and ewes. Randy Yaklin, Beaverlodge, 354-8189 (10)

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95 2-4 yr old Suffolk/Dorset/Finn ewes. Also ewe lambs and 2 Suffolk rams and 1 Dorset ram. Marlene, Valleyview, 524-4403 or 524-3625 (10)

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RAMBOUILLET YEARLING rams and April born ewe lambs. Amy-Rob Rambouillets, Amy and Robert Jackson, Didsbury, 335-4348 (10)

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50 YEARLING sheep, 20 older sheep. Finn, 1/2 Finn/ Suffolk, pure Suffolk and pure Finn ram. All for disposal. Horst Jungnitsch, Manning, 836-2224 (10)

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1 REGISTERED purebred Romanov ram, 1 black Romanov cross ram 7 mo. old. Flock dispersal - 30 ewes, some purebred Suffolks, others Suffolk cross. Also have 17 Romanov cross ewe lambs. Hugh Wanke, Lac La Biche, 623-7038 (10)

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28 EWES. 1-4 yrs old. Suffolk cross. Small healthy culled herd. $75 each. Ida Lamarche, Ft. Saskatchewan, 998-9055 (10)

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DORSET RAM. 3 yrs old. Purebred, registered. Randy, Bonnyville, 826-5389 (10)

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3 1/2 Canadian Arcott ram lambs. Also, purebred Suffolk ram lambs with or without papers. Lucky U Ranch, Betty Purton, Vilna, 636-2458 (10)

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HI-LOW HILLS Romanovs "The Ewe Makers" is offering our entire Romanov cross ewe lamb crop. Excellent replacements, good price. Also purebred Romanov and Romanov cross ram lambs. Can't be beat for prolificy and vitality. Tom, Two Hills, 657-2004 (10)

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27 EWES - Suffolk - $80 each. 9 rams - Suffolk - $80 each. Randy, Wetaskiwin, 352-0283 (10)

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HERD REDUCTION - Suffolk and Suffolk cross, 1-4 yr old ewes. Suffolk & Dorset cross ewe lambs and Polypay cross lambs. All born in April. 200% lamb average. Ed Carson, Hughenden, 856-3790 (10)

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55 SUFFOLK/Polypay ewes. 2nd crop. 200% weaned - $100 each. 1 Polypay ram - $300. 1 teaser ram - $100. Jim Turnbull, Namao, 472-6160 (10)

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FOR SALE - GOATS

ANGORA DOES, yearlings & 2 yr olds. Registered yearling bucks. Rhoda Stone, Peace River, 624-8515 (9)

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3 YEAR old purebred Angora doe. $100 or best offer. Cameron Graham, Stettler, 742-1854 (9)

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SHOWDOWN ALPINES offers for sale 1990 registered Alpine doe kids $200 or $300 for nice pair of twin doe kids together. Recorded Canadian Alpine doe kids - $100 each. 1 very nice registered buck kid $200. 2 first fresheners - your pick from 5. All from very good milking bloodlines. 2 purebred Angora does, 3 yrs old, no papers. 1 purebred March '90 buck kid, very nice quality, Brandy Creek breeding $100 each or offers. Christine Simoens, Cochrane, 932-5379 (9)

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REGISTERED CANADIAN Alpine milking doe, 4 yrs, very quiet, good production - $125. 1 Saanen/Toggenburg milking doe, 1 1/2 yr, good milk production. Lori Williamson, Stettler, 742-1854 (9)

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REGISTERED ANGORA goat, 9 does and 1 buck. Rattle Box Angora, Falkland, B.C. (604) 379-2630 (10)

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REGISTERED PUREBRED Star-sires. *S Spice Meadow Henna Hi-Ho Silver whose sire classified Ex. in the U.S. and whose dam was a Canadian National Champion as well as a top ten producer, a proven La Mancha sire - $500. *S Nurabian Halo's Silver Son, a promising March La Mancha buckling - $300. *S Nurabian King of the Lot, a golden Nubian yearling with straight Fez bloodlines - $300. *S Titan Rambo, an Alpine yearling sired by *S Edelweiss Ernie - $300. J. Benger, Drayton Valley, 727-2491 (10)

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BRED SAANEN-NUBIAN and Saanen-Alpine cross does. 8 Saanen cross doe kids. Priced to sell. Glen Kershaw, Didsbury, 335-4983 (10)

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REGISTERED ANGORA does and doe kids, purebred unregistered wethers. Sharon Bieber, Calgary, 931-3786 (10)

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DWARF GOATS. 5 months old and very friendly. Must go to good home. Rob or Sharon, Fort Macleod, 553-2196 (after 6 PM) (10)

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1 REGISTERED Nubian buck - $225. Kathy or Locke, Ardrossan, 922-2949 (10)

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MALE ALPINE buck, born May 8/90. Will be ready to breed this fall. No papers - $75. Angora buck - Circle 4 Boomer - AN43705. Born May 26/89 - $150. Judy Zuchetto, Calgary, 286-8354 (10)

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1 BIG good looking registered Saanen buck, 4 bred Sannen milking does, 3 bred yearling does (1 due September 5th), 3 7-month old does. All are healthy, beautiful, tamed animals. Tattooed and papered. Erika, 337-2496, Carstairs or 556-2299, Olds (10)

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FOR SALE - DOGS

GUARD DOG pups. Anatolian Shepherds (Akbash) born June 30. From good working stock. Kerry Bendixen, Marwayne, 847-2135 (9)

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BORDER COLLIES - male puppies born July 6th from non-registered, intelligent, working parents - $75. Greg Gergley, Myrnam, 366-2524 (9)

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REGISTERED GREAT Pyrenees puppies available in October from very good working and show stock. Reserve your puppy now. Pola Kennels Reg'd, Christine & Harry Simoens, Cochrane, 932-5379 (9)

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7/8 GREAT Pyrenees pups - $150 - working parents. Othen Sheep Farm, Blueberry Mountain, 864-2466 (9)

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REGISTERED BORDER Collie pups from Tina or Meg, sired by Elvin Kopp's Jeff. Parents used on sheep, cow/calf operation. Winston Curtis, Winfield, 682-2124 (9)

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5 PUREBRED Kelpie puppies, born July 8/90, excellent sheep dogs, shots & papers - $150 each. Dick, Calgary, 239-0664 (10)

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BORDER COLLIE pups and started dogs. All sales guaranteed. All pups are clean and many started to work at weaning age. Also dogs trained by the month. Ron Gale, Sundre, 638-2836 (10)

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REGISTERED BORDER Collie pups. Top bloodlines - $300. Available mid-September. Elaine Forrester, Westerose, 586-2768 (10)

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PUREBRED RED Border Collie pups. Ready to go in September. Randy Yaklin, Beaverlodge, 354-8189 (10)

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LIVESTOCK GUARDIANS - Registered Commodore pups. Sheep raised from working parents. Fred & Marlene Brettell, Lloydminster (306) 825-2640 (10)

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FOR SALE - MISCELLANEOUS

FEMALE LLAMAS with 1990 Lopez descended crias by side. Bred to Chief Sitting Bull grandson. Rebreeding to Catman son. James at 653-2180 (9)

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SUNBEAM SHEARING machine with flexible shaft and hand piece. Miscellaneous goat and sheep blades. Also a Shearmaster clipper. $800 O.B.O. Clive at 948-5913 (business) or 948-7082 (residence) (9)

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EXCEPTIONAL SPINNING quality fleece from coated sheep. White and colored. Sharon Bieber, Calgary, 931-3786 (10)

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7 X 21 FOOT fifth wheel, 3 axle, compartmentalized for sheep. Asking $2,500. Ken or Thersa, New Norway, 855-2403 (10)

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FOR SALE OR TRADE

FLOCK DISPERSAL - 60 - 2 yr old Suffolk/Rambouillet ewes in excellent health. No culls. Records available - $100/head firm or trade for 2nd Cut alfalfa hay and/or grain. B. Lange, High River, 652-2278 (9)

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FLOCK REDUCTION - 100 2-4 yr old Suffolk/Rambouillet ewes in excellent health. No culls. Records available - $100/head firm or trade for alfalfa hay and/or grain. Henry Tolsma, Vauxhall, 654-2982 (10)

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WANTED - SHEEP

FEEDER LAMBS, goats and culled ewes. Jean Bolay, Westlock, 349-5203 (10)

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REGISTERED RAMBOUILLET ram, fleece quality important. Vanda Chelick, Hines Creek, 494-2398 (9)

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REGISTERED HORNED Dorset ram or ram lamb. Also wanted Scottish blackface sheep. Philip Reyda, Berwyn, 597-2113 (9)

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1 YEAR old (upwards) Romney ram. Romney ewes. C.D. Austin, Box 13 K-H Store Site, R R #1, Quesnel, B.C. V2J 3H5 (9)

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WANTED - GOATS

ANGORA GOATS. C. D. Austin, Box 13 K-H Store Site, R R #1, Quesnel, B.C. V2J 3H5 (9)

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HELP AVAILABLE

CUSTOM SHEARER available. Peace region. Randy Yaklin, Beaverlodge, 354-8189 (10)

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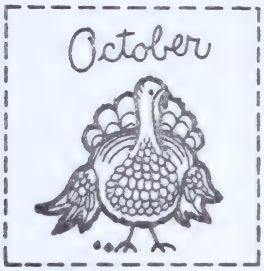

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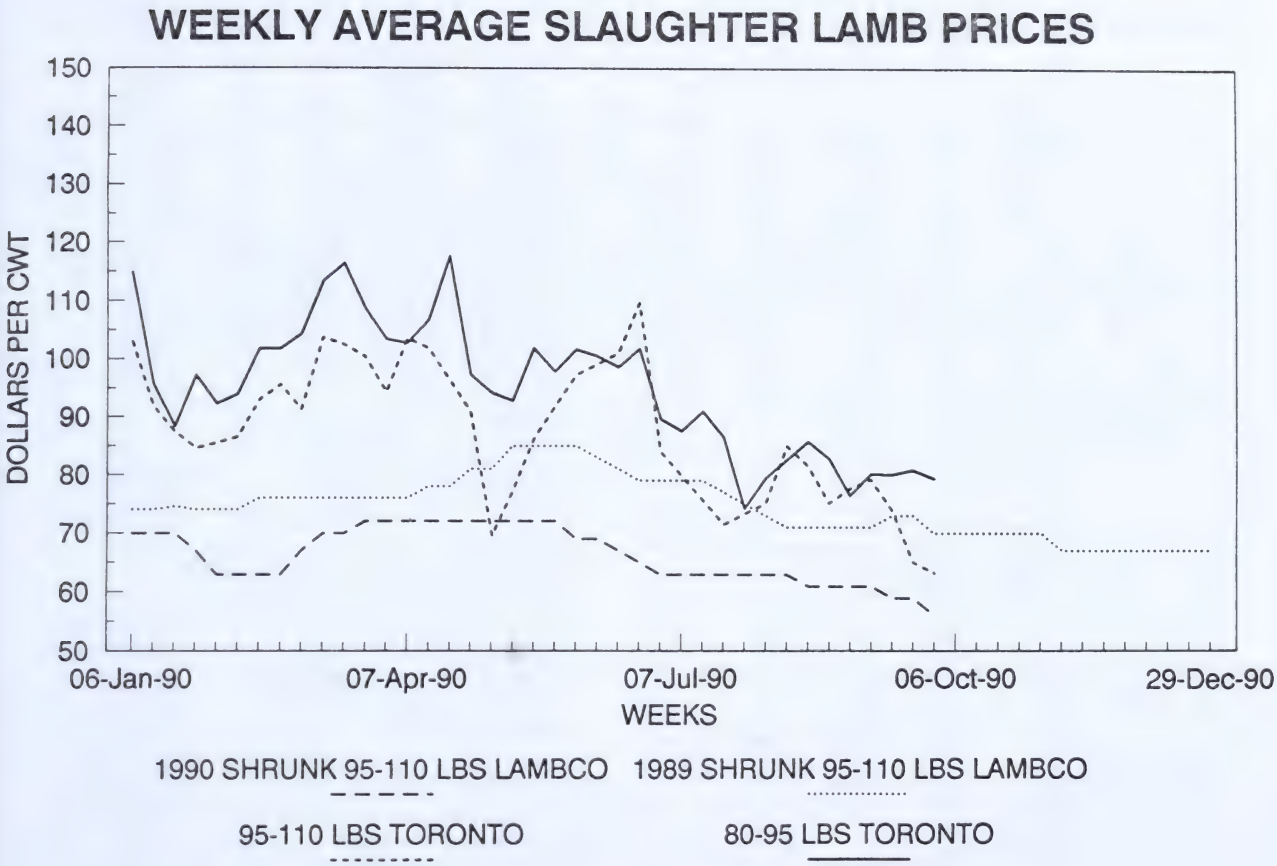

The bid range at Lambco in Innisfail slid five dollars from $58.00-$61.00 per cwt to $53.00-$58.00 per cwt over the month of September. The backlog of slaughter bookings at the plant continues to be a serious problem for producers with market ready lambs.

At the weekly Fort Macleod auction sales volumes peaked in the third week of September at 2,550 head of sheep and lambs with sales volumes usually averaging about 800 head per week. Slaughter lambs brought $50.00 to $56.00 per cwt depending on weights and final destination. Prices for 70 to 84 pound feeder lambs remained relatively steady over the month from $45.00 to $52.00 per cwt, while lighter lambs went for $48.00 to $56.00 per head.

In Edmonton, there were two lamb sales during September, with slaughter lambs bringing $42.00 to $45.00 per cwt in the second week of the month while in the last week prices ranged from $44.00 to $48.00 per cwt. Feeder prices also showed some improvement, increasing from $44.00 to $50.00 per cwt to $48.00 to $56.00 per cwt.

In the United States, wholesale lamb prices continue to narrow up toward last year's levels, while slaughter volumes have been trending to below last year's levels for the same period lending support to slaughter lamb prices. Overall lamb production continues to be higher due to heavier slaughter weights than last year. However, slaughter lamb weights are expected to decline as increasing numbers of lambs are being slaughtered as they come off of pasture.

REPRESENTATIVE LIVE SALES

AS OF SEPTEMBER 21,1990

AREA	TYPE OF SHEEP	TYPE OF SALE	HEAD	LBS.	WEIGHING CONDITIONS	PRICE ($/CWT.)
WEST COAST						
California	Spring	Direct	650	120-125	Choice & prime, double dressed, delivered	56.75
California	Sl. Ewe	Auction	300		Utility & cull	11.50-15.75
MOUNTAIN						
Colorado	Spring	Direct	300	100-115	Choice & prime, wooled, delivered	52.00
Colorado	Mixed	Direct	3000	100	50% feeders, wooled, delivered	50.00
Montana	Spring	Auction	300	100-125	Choice & prime, wooled	45.00-49.75
Idaho	Spring	Direct	500	110-120	Choice & prime, wooled, FOB overnight	49.00
Montana	Feeder	Pool	1500	85	Oct. del, choice & fancy, wooled, FOB overnight	50.50-51.25
Montana	Feeder	Pool	2500	85- 90	Choice & fancy, wooled, FOB overnight	47.00
Montana	Feeder	Direct	1500	90-100	Choice & fancy, wooled, FOB overnight	45.50-46.18
Montana	Feeder	Direct	1200	85- 90	Choice & fancy, wooled, FOB overnight	47.00-48.00
Montana	Feeder	Direct	2900	80- 90	Choice & fancy, wooled, FOB 4% shr.	45.50-48.00
Montana	Feeder	Auction	1000	50- 75	Choice & fancy, wooled	46.75-50.25
Montana	Feeder	Auction	2300	75-100	Choice & fancy, wooled	45.25-50.75
Utah	Feeder	Direct	1000	95	Choice & fancy, wooled, FOB overnight	50.00
Idaho	Feeder	Direct	500	85-105	Choice & fancy, wooled, FOB overnight	46.00
Wyoming	Feeder	Direct	1500	75	Choice & fancy, wooled, FOB overnight	48.00
Colorado	Feeder	Auction	500	58- 80	Choice & fancy, wooled	48.25-55.00
Colorado	Feeder	Auction	1500	80-105	Choice & fancy, wooled	46.50-50.80
N. Mexico	Feeder	Direct	3000	65- 80	Choice & fancy, wooled, FOB overnight	50.00-50.25
Montana	Sl. Ewe	Auction	775		Utility & good	16.50-22.00
Montana	Sl. Ewe	Direct	350	115	Cull, delivered	15.00
Utah	Sl. Ewe	Direct	340	138	Utility & cull, delivered	15.00
SOUTH CENTRAL						
Texas	Feedlot	Direct	3500	110-115	Choice & prime, shorn, FOB 4% shr.	53.00-55.00
Texas	Feedlot	Direct	10500	110-125	Choice & prime, shorn, 51% yield guar.	54.00-56.00
Kansas	Spring	Direct	1200	120	$.20 off under 120 lbs., delivered	52.00
Texas	Feeder	Direct	5000	70- 95	Choice & fancy, wooled, FOB overnight	50.00-53.00
Texas	Feeder	Auction	300	40- 60	Choice & fancy, wooled	54.00-58.00
Texas	Feeder	Auction	800	60- 70	Choice & fancy, wooled	50.00-56.50
Texas	Feeder	Auction	1385	70-100	Choice & fancy, wooled	50.00-55.00
Texas	Sl. Ewe	Auction	370		Good	30.00-35.00
Texas	Sl. Ewe	Auction	1825		Utility	20.00-30.00
Texas	St. Ewe	Auction	200	55- 70	Ewe lambs	56.00-58.00
NORTH CENTRAL						
Iowa	Spring	Auction	1210	100-143	Choice & prime, wooled & shorn	50.50-54.50
Iowa	Spring	Computer	345	130	Choice & prime, shorn, $5 buck disc., 3% shr.	57.00
IA-S.MN	Spring	Direct	6800	115-139	Choice & prime, shorn, FOB 4% shr.	52.00-56.00
IA-S.MN	Spring	Direct	2000	108-140	Choice & prime, wooled, FOB 4% shr.	48.00-54.00
Illinois	Spring	Auction	200	115-145	$9-10 disc. on weights under 115 lbs.	50.00-55.00
Minnesota	Spring	Auction	1400	100-135	Choice & prime, $2 wooled disc.	50.00-52.00
Nebraska	Spring	Auction	200	95-115	Choice & prime, wooled & shorn	47.00-51.50
S. Dakota	Spring	Auction	1025	120-134	Choice & prime, shorn	53.70-58.50
S. Dakota	Spring	Auction	800	111-139	Choice & prime, wooled	52.00-55.25
S. Dakota	Spring	Auction	325	105-115	Choice & prime, wooled	49.00-52.25
Wisconsin	Spring	Computer	785	115	Choice & prime, wool & shorn, 3% shrink	49.25-50.00
Nebraska	Feeder	Auction	375	70- 90	Choice & fancy, wooled	48.00-50.00
S. Dakota	Feeder	Direct	2000	70- 80	Choice & fancy, wooled, FOB overnight	51.00
S. Dakota	Feeder	Auction	8250	55- 75	Belle Fourche	55.00-59.70
S. Dakota	Feeder	Auction	12500	80-100	Belle Fourche	51.50-54.75
S. Dakota	Feeder	Auction	1580	100-108	Belle Fourche	49.00-51.50
S. Dakota	Sl. Ewe	Auction	2150	120-141	Utility & good	10.00-16.00
S. Dakota	St. Ewe	Auction	3500	70- 90	Ewe lambs	54.00-57.00
S. Dakota	St. Ewe	Auction	700	60- 70	Ewe lambs	57.00-59.00
S. Dakota	St. Ewe	Auction	1000		Yearlings (per hd.)	66.00-79.00
S. Dakota	St. Ewe	Auction	200		2 year olds (per hd.)	90.00
S. Dakota	St. Ewe	Auction	600		4-6 year olds (per hd.)	46.00-54.50
S. Dakota	St. Ewe	Auction	1000		Solid mouth (per hd.)	45.00-50.00
S. Dakota	St. Ewe	Auction	700		Short term (per hd.)	28.00-30.00
EASTERN						
Penn.	Spring	Auction	550	80-110	Choice & prime, shorn	60.00-65.00
Penn.	Spring	Auction	350	80-110	Choice, wooled	55.00-60.00
Virginia	Spring	Auction	655	95-125	Choice & prime, wooled	48.00-48.25
Virginia	Spring	Auction	425	85-125	Low choice, wooled	44.25-47.50
Michigan	Spring	Auction	700	100-120	Choice & prime, $2 wooled disc.	50.00-55.00
Ohio	Spring	Auction	350	105-120	Choice & prime, $2 wooled disc.	53.75
Ohio	Spring	Pool	550	100-120	Choice & prime, $2 wooled disc.	52.00
Ohio	Feeder	Auction	300	60- 85	Choice & fancy, wooled	50.00-53.50
Michigan	Sl. Ewe	Auction	325		Cull to good	15.00-22.00

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FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER (Head)

	THIS WEEK (estimated)	% THIS WEEK vs LAST WEEK	% THIS WEEK vs LAST YEAR	WEEK ENDING 9/01/90 (actual)	TOTAL YEAR TO DATE	% 1990 vs 1989 TOTAL
SHEEP	108,000	-6.1	+2.2	102,130	3,949,000	+4.2
CATTLE	653,000	-2.0	-1.9	635,578	23,863,000	-1.3
CALF	32,000	0.0	-28.2	32,389	1,260,000	-17.3
HOGS	1,714,000	-2.1	-7.4	1,640,607	59,347,000	-4.0

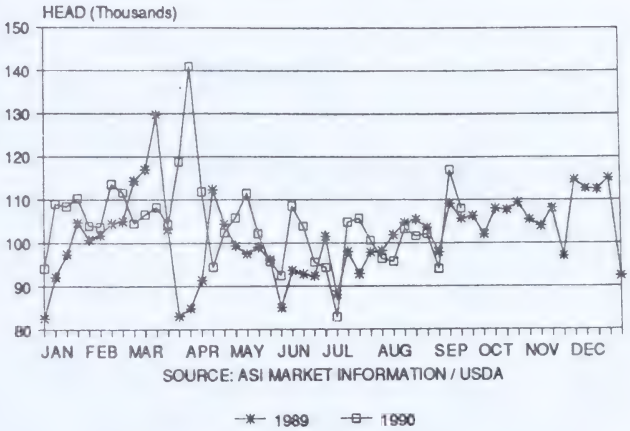
RED MEAT PRODUCTION (million pounds)

	THIS WEEK (estimated)	% THIS WEEK vs LAST WEEK	% THIS WEEK vs LAST YEAR	WEEK ENDING 8/31/90 (actual)	TOTAL YEAR TO DATE	% 1990 vs 1989 TOTAL
LAMB	6.6	-6.7	+1.7	6.3	253.3	+7.3
BEEF	453.6	-1.8	-0.8	440.3	16,249.8	-0.7
VEAL	5.8	-0.4	-15.5	5.6	213.1	-11.7
PORK	307.4	-2.6	-6.0	288.2	10,635.3	-3.4
TOTAL	773.4	-2.2	-3.1	740.4	27,351.5	-1.8

DRESSED WEIGHT		PERCENT LAMB SLAUGHTER	
THIS WEEK (EST.)	62	9/01/90	93.1
8/31/90 (ACT.)	62	9/02/89	91.8

AS OF SEPTEMBER 21,1990

AVERAGE WEEKLY F.I. SLAUGHTER



WHOLESALE LAMB MARKET

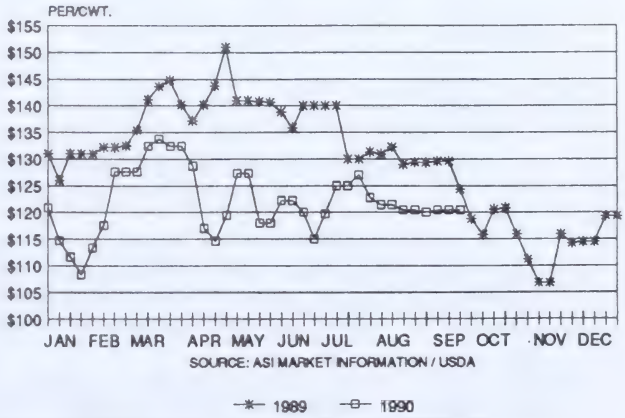
	55 lbs-down	55-65 lbs	65-75 lbs
NORTHEAST	$1.18	$1.20	$1.22
FOB RIVER	$1.13	$1.15	$1.18
LESS THAN CARLOT			
LOS ANGELES	$1.18*	$1.18*	$1.20
BAY AREA	$1.21*	$1.21**	$1.23

* 60 lbs. & down ** 60-65 lbs.

East Coast wholesale prices were steady for the third time in as many weeks. In the Bay area, prices on carcasses weighing under 65 pounds remained steady while those over 65 pounds inched up 1 cent to end the week at $1.23. In Los Angeles, wholesale prices were firm as the spread within the weight categories which existed last week disappeared. Light carcasses were steady to 2 cents higher while the 60-65 pound category was steady to 2 cents lower. Sixty-five to 75 pound carcass prices were quoted steady to 2 cents higher with an offering or two at higher money but no sales confirmed.

EAST COAST WHOLESALE PRICE

WEIGHTED AVERAGE ALL WEIGHTS



DISTRIBUTIVE CUT MARKET & RETAIL FEATURE ACTIVITY

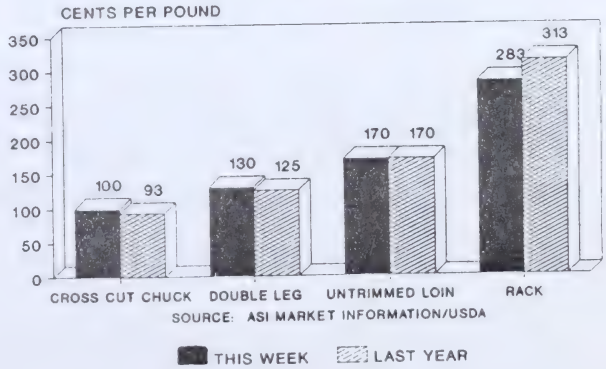
On the East Coast, chuck prices were steady with last week while leg prices were 5 cent higher due to an increase in activity on these two cuts. Loin prices were steady while racks increased by 5-10 cents. West Coast price trends did not follow the same track as the East Coast. In Los Angeles, the only cut showing any improvement was chucks which were steady to 5 cents higher. Leg prices fell 2-7 cents, loins were quoted 20-25 cents lower, and racks were steady to 15 cents lower. In the Bay Area, chucks were mostly steady, legs were 3 cents off, loins prices fell by 10 cents and racks were quoted 5 cents higher.

ITEM	NORTH-EAST	BAY AREA	LOS ANGELES	NORTH WEST
CHUCK CROSS CUT	$ .95-1.05	No Quote	No Quote	No Quote
CHUCK SQUARE CUT	No Quote	$1.25*	$1.05-1.100*	$1.12*
SINGLE LEG	No Quote	$1.65*	$1.55-1.59	$1.55*
DOUBLE LEG	$1.25-1.35	$1.45	$1.35-1.40	No Quote
LOIN	$1.60-1.80	$3.55*	$3.40-3.45*	$3.39*
RACK 7 UP	$2.70-2.95	$3.20*	$3.05-3.20*	$3.80*
FORE SADDLE	No Quote	$1.35	$1.35-1.40	No Quote
HIND SADDLE	$1.40-1.55	$1.69	$1.45-1.55	No Quote

* Trimmed and/or vacuumed packed

EAST COAST CUT PRICES

AVERAGE



FOR 24-HOUR LAMB MARKET NEWS CALL 303-771-8472

PRICE RANGE AND VOLUMES FOR GOOD LAMBS 95-110 LBS AT LAMBCO

	WEEK 1	WEEK2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	MONTHLY SUMMARY
CURRENT MON						
SEP 1990	58.00-61.00	58.00-61.00	56.00-59.00	56.00-59.00	53.00-56.00	56.20-59.20
LAST MON						
AUG 1990	60.00-63.00	60.00-63.00	58.00-61.00	58.00-61.00		59.00-62.00
YR AGO MON						
SEP 1989	68.00-71.00	68.00-71.00	70.00-73.00	70.00-73.00	67.00-70.00	68.60-71.60
VOLUMES						
SEP 1990	1,571	1,761	1,664	1,509	1,592	6,526
SEP 1989	1,719	1,701	1,902	1,701	1,867	7,023

PRICE RANGE AND VOLUMES FOR GOOD LAMBS 95-110 LBS AT TORONTO PUBLIC STOCKYARDS
(With weighted average price in brackets beneath each range)

	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	MONTHLY SUMMARY
CURRENT MON	71.00-81.00	75.00-80.00	66.00-86.00	61.00-70.00	60.00-69.50	
SEP 1990	(77.61)	(79.20)	(73.93)	(65.07)	(63.24)	70.69
LAST MON	70.00-80.00	83.00-89.00	80.00-88.00	74.00-77.00		
AUG 1990	(75.17)	(85.00)	(81.55)	(75.13)		80.44
YR AGO MON	85.00-110.00	82.00-99.00	78.00-85.00	75.00-90.00	65.00-86.00	
SEP 1989	(99.00)	(90.12)	(80.51)	(85.01)	(79.90)	86.69
SEP/90 VOLUME	65	26	90	35	103	319
AVG WEIGHT	101.3	97.3	101.3	106.6	98.1	

PRICE RANGE AND VOLUMES FOR GOOD LAMBS 80-95 LBS AT TORONTO PUBLIC STOCKYARDS
(With weighted average price in brackets beneath each range)

	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	MONTHLY SUMMARY
CURRENT MON	70.00-82.00	70.00-85.00	70.00-89.00	70.00-100.00	65.00-98.00	
SEP 1990	(76.47)	(80.15)	(80.08)	(80.84)	(79.42)	79.31
LAST MON	70.00-90.00	N.E.P.	75.00-99.00	70.00-92.00		
AUG 1990	(79.48)		(85.76)	(82.81)		83.27
YR AGO MON	87.00-117.00	85.00-112.00	80.00-108.00	88.00-109.00	75.00-91.00	
SEP 1989	(101.20)	(110.10)	(87.77)	(97.72)	(82.07)	92.98
SEP/90 VOLUME	181	325	133	78	162	879
AVG WEIGHT	88.6	85.6	86.4	86.0	85.9	

Prices quoted for 95-110 lb lambs are bid prices at lambco and auction prices at Toronto Public Stockyards for good quality lambs. The lower end of the Alberta price range reflects bids for short haul unshrunk lambs, while the upper end of the range represents bids for long haul or shrunk lambs. Producers delivering to the Toronto Public Stockyards pay commission and yardage fees for each animal sold. Producers delivering to Lambco pay $1/head chaeckoff to the Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission.

The Toronto auction price is from the Special Sheep and Lamb Sale held on Monday each week

N.E.P - No established price

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MARKET ECONOMIST
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October 9	Ponoka Production Club - Starting October 9th - 2nd Tuesday of Each Month. Ponoka Provincial Building. Call Brian at 783-7072 or Edith at 784-3511 for more information.
October 25	North-Central Sheep Sales. Fat and Feeder lambs. Special Ewe Sale. Edmonton Public Stockyards. Deadline for sheep deliveries at all sales is 9:00 A.M. For additional information (sheep) contact Bruce McGhan, Box 739, Calmar, TOC OVO, phone 985-3744 or John Bolay (goats), RR #1, Westlock, TOG 2LO, phone 349-5203.
October 27	Monthly Sheep and Goat Sale at Camrose Auction Market, 672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. For further information contact S. Spahic, Box 89, Hay Lakes, TOB 1WO, phone 878-3784.
October 30	Attention Camrose Area Sheep Producers! Tonights meeting will be a ration balancing clinic that will help you set up your winter feeding program (remember to take your feed samples to the September meeting). Also time will be spent on discussing future sites for tours. Everyone welcome. For further information contact Wray at 427-5083.
October 31	Entry Date 1990 Alberta Ram Test Station - Fall Test - Olds College. To obtain an inspection form or for further information contact Wray Whitmore at 427-5083

November 3-4	Sheep Nutrition and Pasture Management. 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM - $120.00 This workshop will deal with the nutritional requirements of the breeding flock, lactating ewes, and growing lambs. You will learn about the digestive process, nutrients, nutrient composition of feeds, ration formulation, feed testing, feed costs, and the management of a feeding program. Recognition of nutritional deficiencies will also be discussed. Summer pasture, rotational grazing and fencing systems will also be covered. Instructor is Susan Hosford. To registrer or for further information contact Lakeland College, Vermilion Campus, Continuing Education, phone 853-8444.
November 8	North-Central Sheep Sales. Fat and Feeder lambs. Edmonton Public Stockyards. Deadline for sheep deliveries at all sales is 9:00 A.M. For additional information (sheep) contact Bruce McGhan, Box 739, Calmar, TOC OVO, phone 985-3744 or John Bolay (goats), RR #1, Westlock, TOG 2LO, phone 349-5203.
November 13	Ponoka Production Club. Ponoka Provincial Building. Call Brian at 783-7072 or Edith at 784-3511 for more information.
November 14	Millarville Lamb Night. Keep the day open for a great lamb dinner and an afternoon of technical talks. Timely talks of interest to sheep producers will be the order of the day. The afternoon will begin at 2:00 P.M. Pre-registration is necessary so contact the High River District Office at 652-3232 for tickets.
November 22	North-Central Sheep Sales. Fat and Feeder lambs. Edmonton Public Stockyards. Deadline for sheep deliveries at all sales is 9:00 A.M. For additional information (sheep) contact Bruce McGhan, Box 739, Calmar, TOC OVO, phone 985-3744 or John Bolay (goats), RR #1, Westlock, TOG 2LO, phone 349-5203.
November 24	Monthly Sheep and Goat Sale at Camrose Auction Market, 672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. For further information contact S. Spahic, Box 89, Hay Lakes, TOB 1WO, phone 878-3784.

November 27	Attention Camrose Area Sheep Producers! Record keeping is a very important part of any successful livestock operation. Why you need good records and how to keep them will be presented tonight. For further information contact Wray at 427-5083.
November 28 - December 2	Intermediate Sheep Management Workshop. Resource Person - William K. Kruesi, Wallingford, Vermont. Author - Sheep Raiser's Manual and full time sheep producer. Co-sponsored by the Cee-Der Sheep Products. Limited to 15 participants. Cost - $330.00 course registration, accommodation and meals. For further information contact Mr. Glynn Brooks, Cee-Der Chalets, Box 525, Canmore, Alberta TOL OMO or phone 678-5251.
December 6	North-Central Sheep Sales. Fat and Feeder lambs. Special Goat Sale. Edmonton Public Stockyards. Deadline for sheep deliveries at all sales is 9:00 A.M. For additional information (sheep) contact Bruce McGhan, Box 739, Calmar, TOC OVO, phone 985-3744 or John Bolay (goats), RR #1, Westlock, TOG 2LO, phone 349-5203.
December 11	Ponoka Production Club. Ponoka Provincial Building. Call Brian at 783-7072 or Edith at 784-3511 for more information.
December 29	Monthly Sheep and Goat Sale at Camrose Auction Market, 672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. For further information contact S. Spahic, Box 89, Hay Lakes, TOB 1WO, phone 878-3784.

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Researcher requires hoof samples from FOOT ROT INFECTED SHEEP - will come to your farm - all information kept confidential - before you treat or cull infected animals please call - University of Calgary 220-7932 or 220-5279 (days), 282-7954 (evenings). Your assistance is very much needed to obtain valuable information on this disease for control and eradication development.

1990 ALBERTA RAM TEST STATION - FALL TEST

OLDS COLLEGE

ENTRY DATE	VETERINARY INSPECTION (New Contributors or Out of Province Contributors)
Wednesday, October 31	Please, as soon as you have decided to enter rams into this year's test, contact Wray Whitmore at 403-427-5083 to obtain an inspection form to be filled out by your veterinarian when your flock is inspected. The cost of this pre-entry inspection is the responsibility of the contributor.

1990 ALBERTA RAM TEST STATION REGULATIONS

I. ELIGIBILITY

1. Any sheep breeder may enter ram lambs which are registered or eligible for registration. Ewe lambs will not be accepted on test.

2. Ram lambs born in 1990 will be eligible for test.

3. Ram lambs which have been shorn will not be eligible for test.

4. Please note: this test will only be run if a minimum of thirty rams with at least 20 from one breed are entered. If you would like to test fall born lambs, please make your entries as soon as possible.

5. All rams must have their feet trimmed and be tattooed prior to entry. The only exception will be for new breeders who have not yet received their flock letters.

6. Sheep which come from a bluetongue area as defined by Agriculture Canada will not be accepted.

7. Prior to entering lambs on test, all new contributors' as well as all out of province contributors' flocks must be inspected and found free of communicable disease or condition potentially dangerous to the health of other animals at the station.

8. Any contributor may be subject to a flock health inspection at the discretion of the station management.

9. All rams will be carefully inspected on arrival at the station and may be refused entry for health reasons or for any unsoundness which will result in it being culled from the sale after completing test.

10. In 1990, rams with clinical evidence of soremouth will not be accepted.

11. At delivery to the test station, live weight of each lamb must be 22.7-34.1 kg (50-75 lb) for Suffolk and Hampshire lambs or 20.5-31.8 kg (45-70 lb) for other breeds.

II. PROCEDURES

1. Rams which are eligible for entry will be :

    a. given a test station eartag (large plastic tags or tags which are causing damage to the ears will be removed at this time)
    b. fecal sampled
    c. dewormed (Ivomec)
    d. given an 8-way vaccination
    e. given a Hemophilus vaccination
    f. footbathed in a zinc sulphate solution

2. During the course of the test, all rams will be:

    a. blood sampled for Brucella ovis
    b. given one 8-way booster
    c. given two Hemophilus boosters

3. All lambs will be fed free choice a pelleted ration and hay. Loose salt and mineral will also be available at all times. Each pen will have automatic waterers.

III. FEES

1. Alberta Agriculture will provide the test station, the required manpower, facilities, technical assistance and supervision. Breeders entering rams on test shall pay for the feed and extra veterinary expenses only.

2. The fee for 1990 will be $50 per lamb entered on test. In addition, lambs from the fall test which are kept at Olds College until July of the following year will be charged $50.00 for this period.

3. Since Alberta Agriculture is subsidizing the test station and sale to the level of approximately $50 per lamb, contributors from outside the province will be required to pay an additional $50 per lamb above the aforementioned fee.

4. For a premium of $5 per lamb, contributors may insure their rams against death loss between the time of entry and the fall of the hammer. Payout will be determined by dividing the number of insured rams which die into the total collected premium. Payout shall not exceed $150 per head. Any surplus in collected premiums will be refunded each year to contributors who purchase this insurance.

5. Cheques or money orders for fees should be made payable to Olds College.

6. All fees connected with the test station must be paid the animals are released.

IV. COMMITTEES

1. The Alberta Sheep ROP Advisory Board reserves the right to make all decisions regarding the ram test station.

2. The committee consists of:

    a. Two producers appointed by the Alberta Sheep Breeders Association - Mr. Clarence Jones & Mr. Peter McCart.
    b. Two producers appointed by the Alberta Sheep & Wool Commission - Mr. Ian Clark & Mr. Pat Barott
    c. Agriculture Canada - Mr. Mike Southwood
    d. Veterinary Services - Dr. Ray Fenton
    e. Chairman - Mr. Ross Gould, Alberta Agriculture
    f. Test Station Manager - Sheep Specialist, Airdrie
    g. Mr. Wray Whitmore - Home Test Coordinator

3. The Culling Committee consists of two purebred breeders who are not test station contributors and one commercial producer representing buyer interests.

4. All lambs will be fed in groups such that lambs of different entry groups, sizes and breeds are kept as separately as possible.

5. Following a 14 day adjustment period, all lambs will commence a 56 day performance test. They will be weighed on test and every two weeks thereafter. On test, mid test and off test weights will be the average of weights taken on two consecutive days. Reports will be mailed to all contributors every two weeks beginning at the mid test point.

6. Following the completion of test, a final performance report will be issued which will include:

    a. actual on test and off test weights of each ram
    b. average daily gain on test of each lamb
    c. average daily gain index of each lamb within breed
    d. ultrasonic backfat measurement of each lamb

7. PRIOR TO THE LAST OFF TEST WEIGH DATE, CONTRIBUTORS MUST SUBMIT THREE GENERATION PEDIGREES, COMPLETED APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION AND SIGNED TRANSFERS FOR EACH LAMB.

8. Only the lambs which gain above the average for their breed will be further considered for sale. These rams will be subjected to an initial cull in the fall. Rams which pass the initial cull will be eligible to stay at Olds College until the completion of the regular test. At this time, the lambs from both tests will be shorn and subjected to a physical cull to determine sale status.

9. Contributors with lambs eligible for sale are not obliged to enter them in the sale. Lambs may be removed from the test station at any time after the off test weighing.

10. No animal will be released from the test station prior to the end of test without permission of the station manager. The manager reserves the right to reject any animal during the test and request the owner to remove it from the test station.

11. Visitors to the test station while lambs are on test are encouraged, but interested persons are advised to contact Barry Wilson (556-8202) prior to their arrival.

1990 ALBERTA RAM TEST STATION - FALL TEST

NAME:_____

ADDRESS:_____

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PHONE:_____

NUMBER OF RAMS:_____

BREED:_____

I have read the rules and regulations of the 1990 Alberta Ram Test
any data pertaining to the performance of my rams in the Test Station.

Signature_____

Return form by October 17th to:

Wray Whitmore
Sheep Specialist
Beef Cattle & Sheep Branch
Alberta Agriculture
7000-113th St.
Edmonton, AB
T6H 5T6
403-427-5083

Alberta Sheep Breeders' Association
#212, 6715 - 8th Street N.E., Calgary, Alberta T2E 7H7
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ALBERTA SHEEP BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION
NEWS RELEASE

The Alberta Sheep Breeders' Association has again been invited to participate in the Mexican Sheep Breeders National Show and Sale to be held in Queretaro, Mexico in December 1990.

In conjunction with this show, we are offering a tour to our members. For further information please contact Darcee at
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The office is open between the hours of 9 A.M. and 4 P.M. Monday to Friday.

FEED TESTING

Wray Whitmore
Sheep Specialist

The importance of regular feed testing cannot be over emphasized. This fall will probably present us with significantly higher feed costs compared to the last couple of years. When feed costs increase, its very important to maximize the use of available nutrients. This will help in reducing the amount of supplements needed. Also, feed testing will prevent costly over or under feeding.

Sheep have a requirement for certain nutrients. The nutrients that sheep require are water, protein, energy, minerals and vitamins. Requirements vary with stage of production. The nutrient requirements of sheep are lowest in dry non-pregnant ewes and highest in the lactating ewe.

Feeds contain the nutrients that sheep require. Ration balancing is the process involved when the nutrient content of feeds is used to meet the nutrient requirement of the animal. Without a feed test to determine nutrient content of a feed, nutritionist are forced to work with average nutrient content values. If your hay or grain is of average nutrient content there should be no problem with this. But, if it is not, health and production problems can arise. If the feed is above average in nutrient content, you may be overfeeding nutrients and that costs you money. Worse yet, if your feeds are below average nutrient content, serious deficiencies may develope in your flock. Again, this is expensive. When considering using averages, remember the man who had one hand in a freezer and the other in a fire, on average, his hands were comfortable.

A feed test will allow a nutritionist to formulate a balanced ration for your sheep at their various stages of production. The initial expense of a feed test can quickly be offset by preventing health problems and avoiding unnecessary supplements.

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COMMISSION AND INDUSTRY NEWS.....

COMMISSION JOINS NATIONAL SHEEP FEDERATION

On August 24, at a meeting in Ottawa, the Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission formally joined the new national sheep organization " The Canadian Sheep Federation ". The chairman of the new Federation is Mr. Gerry Pittman, who also serves as chairman of the Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission. The Vice-Chairperson is Carolyn Hills the Chairperson of the Ontario Sheep Marketing Agency. The office of the new federation has been established in Ottawa and the full time manager is Mr. Andy Dagenais. This is the first time in the history of the Canadian sheep industry that one national organization will represent , not only all provincial sheep organizations, but also other national sheep organizations that represent specific sectors of the industry. The Lamb Feeders of Canada Association, a Calgary based national organization and the Canadian Sheep Breeders Association are also full voting members of the new national Federation. The new organization has also made provisions to allow for membership of associated companies and organizations that are part of the sheep industry.

This new united front will provide the Canadian Sheep Industry with considerable strength in dealing with many national and international issues that affect our industry across the country.

ALBERTA LAMB MERCHANDISING SEMINARS

The Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission promotion committee will be organizing a series of seminars and workshops on Alberta lamb cutting and merchandising at various locations in the province. Mr. Bill Blake, a lamb merchandiser with the American Sheep Industry Association will be carrying out the demonstrations and training seminars. The events include new and innovative methods of cutting lamb and packaging techniques to add value and variety to different lamb cuts. Retailers, meat cutters, merchandisers

and buyers will be the main participants in these events. Also, workshops are planned for students at Lethbridge Community College, the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology in Calgary, Olds College, and the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology in Edmonton. A number of Alberta Lamb processors and packers will also be participating.

COMMISSION BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO MEET MINISTERS

The Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission Board of Directors will be having a formal meeting in October with the Minister of Agriculture The Honorable Ernie Isley and the Associate Minister The Honorable Shirley McClellan. It is the intention of the Directors to present to the Ministers an Alberta Sheep Industry Strategy that brings together a number of inter-related initiatives and plans. It is also expected that discussion will cover possible new developments in the industry following the sale of Lambco.

PROPOSAL FOR ALBERTA FEEDER LAMB STABILIZATION PROGRAM

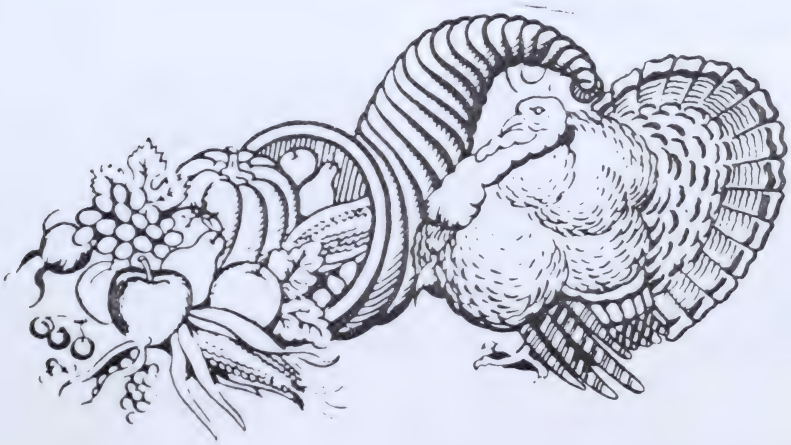
At the July meeting of the National Sheep Tripartite Stabilization Committee it was decided not to implement a feeder lamb component of the national program. This was a disappointment to Alberta feedlot operators as they have been requesting this much needed program for a number of years. The Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission has stated that they continue to support stabilization for all sectors of the Industry. The Commission with the support of the Lamb Feeders Association of Canada will be approaching the Alberta government to consider implementing a provincial bipartite program for Alberta feeder lambs.

COMMISSION TO PRESENT BRIEF TO COMMITTEE

The national committee on Pesticide Review is scheduled to hold a meeting in Edmonton on October 11. The committees mandate is to review past, present and future use and regulations of pesticide products. Part of the review includes pesticide products for animal use. This would include sheep ked and worm control products. The Commission would like to see present regulations amended to permit easier access to control products presently used in New Zealand and Austrailia. Many of these products are highly effective and less expensive than what is available to sheep producers in Canada. Present regulations make access cumbersome and costly for companies interested in distributing these products in this country.

LONG AWAITED BOOK READY FOR PUBLICATION

After a two year delay the book entitled " History of the Sheep Industry in Canada " is ready to be published. The delay was primarily due to funding constraints. However, adequate funds have now been found with contributions from the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation, the Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission and an anonymous donation from a prominent sheep producer. It is hoped the book will be ready for distribution and sale before Christmas.



WOOL REPORT

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WOOL GRADING SCHOOLS

ENROLLMENT FORM

DATES	TIME
November 12, 13 and 14 (Mon, Tue and Wed) November 14, 15 and 16 (Wed, Thur and Fri) December 12, 13 and 14 (Wed, Thur and Fri)	1:00 pm on 1st day to noon on 3rd day

PLACE	REGISTRATION FEE
Montana Wool Laboratory Montana State University Bozeman	$10.00 per person

IF INTERESTED IN ATTENDING ONE OF THESE THREE SCHOOLS PLEASE FILL OUT THE BOTTOM PORTION OF THIS FORM AND RETURN IT WITH YOUR REGISTRATION FEE ($10.00 PER PERSON) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS ENROLLMENT IN SCHOOLS IS LIMITED AND IS ON A FIRST COME BASIS.

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NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

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Please indicate which school you would like to attend (indicate a first and second choice)

____ November 12, 13 and 14 (Mon, Tue and Wed)
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____ December 12, 13 and 14 (Wed, Thur and Fri)

RETURN BOTTOM PORTION OF FORM ALONG WITH THE $10.00 REGISTRATION FEE TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS. ENROLLMENT IN SCHOOLS ARE LIMITED AND WILL BE ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT RODNEY (994-3414) OR CHERYL (994-2100)

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(PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "MSU WOOL GRADING SCHOOL")

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FOR SALE - SHEEP

100 FINN cross ewe lambs born April. Dewormed and ked-free. Maternal flock consistently lambs over 200%. Your choice from individual growth and parentage records - $110. Chris Harvey, Rimbey, 843-3494 (10)

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TINTO RAM lambs. North Country Cheviot/Suffolk cross triplet ram lambs. Ron Gale, Sundre, 638-2836 (10)

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JUST FOR the beginner shepherd - 20 one and three year old Rambouillet ewes. They are excellent mothers and very gentle. Rob, Fort Macleod, 553-2196 (after 6)(10)

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LIMITED NUMBER of my best Romanov/Suffolk and Romanov/Dorset ewe lambs and ram lambs. Nancy Peterson, Dawson Creek, (604) 789-3135 (10)

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REGISTERED FOUR year old North Country Cheviot ram - $200. Also 12 Cheviot cross ewes, 1-5 yrs old, all healthy - $80 each or best offer. Stuart or Shelagh Meston, Three Hills, 443-2579 (10)

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PUREBRED FINN ewe and ram lambs. Starting at $100. Campsie Cove Mini Farm, Robert, Barrhead, 674-2968(10)

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DORSET RAM. 2 yrs old. $100.00. Norm Hamilton, Stettler, 742-5989 (10)

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3 YEAR old Romanov/Suffolk cross ram. Really good producer - $150. Joanne, Olds, 556-3429 (10)

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POLYPAY RAMS - yearlings and lambs, some fall born. Rose Willo Ranch, Cranbrook, B.C. (604) 426-3514 (After 6 PM) (10)

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4 PUREBRED registered Katahdin rams. 4 Katahdin/Columbian ewe lambs. 4 - 1 1/2 yr old Columbian cross ewes. Debbie Ouellet, Tangent, 359-2519 (10)

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20 YOUNG, mostly Finn ewes. 1 Finn ram and this season's ewe lambs. Healthy and productive. Kay Dobson, Athabasca, 675-4525 (10)

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100 HEAD of young ewes, 2 rams and 2 llamas. Call 854-2506, Hanna (10)

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16 EXPERIENCED bred Suffolk ewes. Bred Polypay or Rambouillet. 1 yearling range Rambouillet ram. Purebred but no papers. 1 - 2 yr old Finn/Rambouillet ram. 3 experienced range Rambouillet ewes. 7 Suffolk ewe lambs. All bred Polypay or Rambouillet. Crossbred lambs - Polypay/Cheviot, Polypay/Rambouillet and Polypay/Suffolk. Mrs. Nolan, Hythe, 356-2778 or 356-2791 (10)

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150 EWES, 30 registered Rambouillet. From Jensen/Stewart/Robbins and Jackson breeding. Very clean. Perfect condition. Contact Stephanie Miller, Williams Lake. B.C., (604) 392-5081 (10)

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1 PUREBRED registered Romanov ram - 4 yrs old. 2 purebred Suffolk ram lambs unregistered. 18 - 1/2 x 3/4 Romanov cross ewes. Double D Acres, Dave & Debra Shalapy, Athabasca, 675-3196 (After 7 PM) (10)

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25 EWE lambs, Finn/Suffolk cross, 1 purebred Suffolk ram. Linda, Winfield, 682-3803 (After 6 PM) (10)

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2 RAM lambs (triplet). Born May '90. Straight Rambouillet. Judith Baker, Stony Plain, 963-8261 (10)

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2 REGISTERED Suffolk ram lambs. 1 grade Suffolk ram lamb and ewe lambs OR complete flock dispersal. This is a very clean flock. Their dams are top producing in our flock. Their sire is a good index Sudon ram. We also have ewe lambs Suffolk X Rambouillet X Finn. They are born Feb, twins or triplets only, about 25 of them. Our sheep are culled over 15 years. $80 - $85 a head for the ewe lambs, $250 for the rams. Call Katarina Sjoquist, Valleyview, 524-2465 (10)

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FLOCK DISPERSAL. Suffolk/Dorset cross. 73 ewes to lamb in December. 23 ewe lambs to lamb in January. Contact Pauline, Ponoka, 783-6889 (10)

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PUT EXTRA prolificy in your flock. Good selection of registered Outaouqis Arcott rams. Ready to go to work. Elaine Forrester, Westerose, 586-2768 (10)

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SELLING OUT. Suffolk and Finns. Ewes, lambs and rams. R. Brus, Edmonton, 973-5695 (10)

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8 PUREBRED Suffolk ewe lambs. 1 purebred Cheviot ram lamb. 4 purebred Suffolk ram lambs. 1 big 2 yr purebred Suffolk ram. Priced to sell. Glen Kershaw, Didsbury, 335-4983 (10)

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PUREBRED ROMANOV rams. Ready to breed. Registered and unregistered available. Now is the time to produce and keep some prolific, hardy 1/2 Romanov ewes. Jim Mumm, Hazelridge Farm, Shellbrook, Saskatchewan, (306) 747-2935 (10)

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HAMPSHIRE & Dorset rams and ewes. Randy Yaklin, Beaverlodge, 354-8189 (10)

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95 2-4 yr old Suffolk/Dorset/Finn ewes. Also ewe lambs and 2 Suffolk rams and 1 Dorset ram. Marlene, Valleyview, 524-4403 or 524-3625 (10)

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RAMBOUILLET YEARLING rams and April born ewe lambs. Amy-Rob Rambouillets, Amy and Robert Jackson, Didsbury, 335-4348 (10)

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50 YEARLING sheep, 20 older sheep. Finn, 1/2 Finn/ Suffolk, pure Suffolk and pure Finn ram. All for disposal. Horst Jungnitsch, Manning, 836-2224 (10)

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1 REGISTERED purebred Romanov ram, 1 black Romanov cross ram 7 mo. old. Flock dispersal - 30 ewes, some purebred Suffolks, others Suffolk cross. Also have 17 Romanov cross ewe lambs. Hugh Wanke, Lac La Biche, 623-7038 (10)

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28 EWES. 1-4 yrs old. Suffolk cross. Small healthy culled herd. $75 each. Ida Lamarche, Ft. Saskatchewan, 998-9055 (10)

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DORSET RAM. 3 yrs old. Purebred, registered. Randy, Bonnyville, 826-5389 (10)

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3 1/2 Canadian Arcott ram lambs. Also, purebred Suffolk ram lambs with or without papers. Lucky U Ranch, Betty Purton, Vilna, 636-2458 (10)

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HI-LOW HILLS Romanovs "The Ewe Makers" is offering our entire Romanov cross ewe lamb crop. Excellent replacements, good price. Also purebred Romanov and Romanov cross ram lambs. Can't be beat for prolificy and vitality. Tom, Two Hills, 657-2004 (10)

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27 EWES - Suffolk - $80 each. 9 rams - Suffolk - $80 each. Randy, Wetaskiwin, 352-0283 (10)

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HERD REDUCTION - Suffolk and Suffolk cross, 1-4 yr old ewes. Suffolk & Dorset cross ewe lambs and Polypay cross lambs. All born in April. 200% lamb average. Ed Carson, Hughenden, 856-3790 (10)

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6 EWES, 3 ewe lambs, 1 wether. Ernie Voth, Vulcan, 534-2416 (11)

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55 SUFFOLK/Polypay ewes. 2nd crop. 200% weaned - $100 each. 1 Polypay ram - $300. 1 teaser ram - $100. Jim Turnbull, Namao, 472-6160 (10)

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BLACK HORN ram - born last spring - $75 O.B.O. Large white ram - Cheviot cross - 3 yrs old - $100 O.B.O. Betty Richer, Ardrossan, 922-5767 (11)

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PUREBRED SUFFOLK ram, yearling and 2 yr old. Also selling purebred Suffolk ewes. Rose, Buck Lake, 388-3321 (11)

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15 FINN cross ewes - yearlings and 2 yr olds - $70 each. Tim or Maureen, Athabasca, 675-4817 or 675-5199 (11)

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FLOCK REDUCTION - Suffolk & Suffolk cross ewes. 2-5 yrs old - $75 O.B.O. Registered Suffolk rams - $175 O.B.O. Loretta Downie, Vegreville, 768-2350 (After 8 PM) (11)

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REGISTERED SUFFOLK ewes. 20 head of quality Fowler/ Annis/Crooked Post/Waco and Second Wind breeding. Registered rams from the same flock also available. Fred Hoeber, Riviere Qui Barre, 939-2000 (11)

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COMPLETE FLOCK dispersal. 35 ewes, primarily Suffolk/ Columbia cross. 1 ram - Suffolk/Dorset cross. Young flock. Will consider grain and other livestock in trade. Barb, St. Paul, 645-5523 (evenings) (11)

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29 BRED Suffolk ewes. Synchronized for Feb 4-8/91. Group price $2000. Individual price $75 each. Also 28 Dorset cross ewes. Exposed to ram from June - Sept. $75 each or $1960 for all. Ed Fortna, Airdrie, 948-7674 (11)

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21 SUFFOLK ewes - 1 1/2 yrs and spring lambs. Vivian Holzbauer, Bruderheim, 796-3556 (11)

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2 MOUNTAIN rams, 1 Karakul ram, 1 pure Border Leicester ram, and Sicilian donkey jack. Ed Haesloop, Ohaton, 672-6026 (11)

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DISPERSAL - RAMBOUILLET and Rambouillet/Suffolk cross ewes and ewe lambs. Healthy and vaccinated. Rambouillet and Suffolk rams. Michael Poole, Rolling Hills, 964-3917 (11)

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PUREBRED NORTH Country Cheviot spring rams and one older ram. C. Rempel and N. Erikson, Beaverlodge, 356-2161 (11)

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PACKAGE OF 9 registered North Country Cheviot ewe lambs. Also have 3 registered ram lambs and some grade North Country Cheviots. Selling all our black face ewes, purebreds, twins and triplets. No culls. Contact Dianne Devlin, Cache Creek, B.C. 604-459-7716 (11)

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28 COMMERCIAL ewe lambs. North Country Cheviot/ Suffolk cross - $80 each. 5 yearling commerical lambs. Have lambed by a year old without problems - $90 each. 2 registered North Country Cheviot rams. Born Mar '89 - $175 each. 1 Romanov/Suffolk ram lamb born Jan '90. Fast growing - $200. Lori Williamson, Stettler, 742-1854 (11)

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WE DECIDED to keep last year's ewe lambs and lamb them out and are we glad we did! These gals lambed out at 12-14 months of age, weaned a 218% lamb crop and their lambs averaged 1.14 lbs/day to 50 days. Clear Hills Finnsheep is selling the last of its Finns - the best in North America. If you want sheep that milk, here's a ewe lamb flock for you. 14 head of Finn/Dorset ewe lambs. Their dams weaned lambs gaining an average of 1.17 lbs/day. Their sire was triplet born and triplet reared. This kind of production pays. Also available, a few select Finn/Dorset ram lambs and a small purebred Dorset flock. Tina, Dixonville, 971-2408 (11)

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109 EWES, 2-4 yrs old. 35 ewe lambs, Suffolk cross. Good foundation flock. All in good health. Rams also available. Darrell Durksen, Veteran, 575-2227 (11)

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50 YOUNG Suffolk crossbred ewes. No culls. Clean herd. $95 each. Gladys Reed, Bonnyville, 826-6995 (11)

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100 SUFFOLK ewes - $60 each. 140 feeder lambs. 3 Suffolk rams - $80 each. V. Lange, Grande Prairie, 567-2123 (11)

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REGISTERED ROMANOV lambs (lambs and adult ram). Purebred Romanov rams. 6 purebred Romanov ewe lambs. Charles Keeler, Calgary, 935-4585 (11)

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40 SUFFOLK and Suffolk cross ewes. To start lambing in January - $100 each. 3 Suffolk rams - $200 each. Inez, Edberg, 877-2116 (11)

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QUALITY EWE lambs. Breedable now! Columbia/ Rambouillet cross. Also yearling and lamb rams. Sire Comback from Tansmania. Purchased at '86 World Sheep Congress. First with range wool at Toronto Royal Fair in '89 and 2nd in '88. B. Sept, Walsh, 937-2303 (11)

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ARBA REGISTERED Romney sheep - 3 ewes & 1 ram. All have fabulous fleeces. $250 each. Debbie Loosley, High River, 652-7403 (11)

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MJ RANCH Dorset flock reduction. New Zealand origin. Sheep can be sold registered or non-registered. Minimum lots of 10 head. Viewing by appointment only. Bob Francis, Priddis, 253-5298 (11)

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1 1990 registered Corriedale ram. Sire - Cook, Dam - Phillippi. This is a twin out of stock purchased at the International Sheep Show in Edmonton. Marilyn LaRose, Stettler, 742-5046 (11)

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KATAHDIN HAIR sheep. Low management, high fertility, parasite tolerant, easy lambing, no shearing required. Meat sheep. Rams for sale. Jim, Llake Eden Llamas, Onoway, 967-4453 (11)

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10 PUREBRED Romanov ewe lambs. April born. $130. Tracy, Wetaskiwin, 352-4372 (11)

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GOOD SOLID meat type rams for practical breeders. Suffolk/Columbia/Polypay/Rambouillet. Ewes and lambs. Also a few good purebred Suffolk ewe lambs. Warren Moore, Treco Ranch, Lousana, 749-2023 (11)

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PUREBRED SUFFOLK ram and ewe lambs. Born Feb-Mar '90. Ram 100 day weight average from .979 lbs per day to 1.30 lbs per day. Ewes 100 day weight average from .910 lbs per day to .961 lbs per day. Also 4 yearling rams. Suzanne, Hays, 725-2104 (11)

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SUFFOLK RAM. $125 O.B.O. Sandra, Stony Plain, 963-5462 (11)

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POLYPAY PUREBRED rams. Twins & triplets. Born Nov 1/89 - Jan 1/90. Lawrence, Vulcan, 485-6646 (11)

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2 YEARLING purebred Suffolk rams. Twin & triplet. $150 O.B.O. Bill or Kathy, Tofield, 662-2748 (11)

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FOR SALE - GOATS

REGISTERED ANGORA goat, 9 does and 1 buck. Rattle Box Angora, Falkland, B.C. (604) 379-2630 (10)

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BRED SAANEN-NUBIAN and Saanen-Alpine cross does. 8 Saanen cross doe kids. Priced to sell. Glen Kershaw, Didsbury, 335-4983 (10)

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REGISTERED ANGORA does and doe kids, purebred unregistered wethers. Sharon Bieber, Calgary, 931-3786 (10)

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MALE ALPINE buck, born May 8/90. Will be ready to breed this fall. No papers - $75. Angora buck - Circle 4 Boomer - AN43705. Born May 26/89 - $150. Judy Zuchetto, Calgary, 286-8354 (10)

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REGISTERED PUREBRED Star-sires. *S Spice Meadow Henna Hi-Ho Silver whose sire classified Ex. in the U.S. and whose dam was a Canadian National Champion as well as a top ten producer, a proven La Mancha sire - $500. *S Nurabian Halo's Silver Son, a promising March La Mancha buckling - $300. *S Nurabian King of the Lot, a golden Nubian yearling with straight Fez bloodlines - $300. *S Titan Rambo, an Alpine yearling sired by *S Edelweiss Ernie - $300. J. Benger, Drayton Valley, 727-2491 (10)

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DWARF GOATS. 5 months old and very friendly. Must go to good home. Rob or Sharon, Fort Macleod, 553-2196 (after 6 PM) (10)

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1 REGISTERED Nubian buck - $225. Kathy or Locke, Ardrossan, 922-2949 (10)

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1 BIG handsome purebred Saanen buck, 1 bred Sannen milking doe, 3 bred Saanen yearlings, 2-7 month old Saanen does. All are healthy, tame and quiet animals. Tattooed and papered. Erika, 556-2299 (work/Olds) or 337-2496 (home/Carstairs) (11)

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REGISTERED NIGERIAN dwarf billy. Black and white. $20 O.B.O. Vivian, Bruderheim, 796-3556 (11)

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NUBIAN BUCKS. Born Feb 3/90. Edelweiss breeding. George Von Platen, Wetaskiwin, 352-3110 (11)

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CASHMERE GOATS. Young F1 bucks. Does open or bred. 2 Tamaran and F1 bucks. Jim, Llake Eden Llamas, Onoway, 967-4453 (11)

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1 PUREBRED Angora wether. Produces a fine fleece - $75.00. 1 purebred Angora buck - $75.00 Lori Williamson, Stettler, 742-1854 (11)

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FOR SALE - DOGS

5 PUREBRED Kelpie puppies, born July 8/90, excellent sheep dogs, shots & papers - $150 each. Dick, Calgary, 239-0664 (10)

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BORDER COLLIE pups and started dogs. All sales guaranteed. All pups are clean and many started to work at weaning age. Also dogs trained by the month. Ron Gale, Sundre, 638-2836 (10)

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REGISTERED BORDER Collie pups. Top bloodlines - $300. Available mid-September. Elaine Forrester, Westerose, 586-2768 (10)

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PUREBRED RED Border Collie pups. Ready to go in September. Randy Yaklin, Beaverlodge, 354-8189 (10)

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LIVESTOCK GUARDIANS - Registered Commodore pups. Sheep raised from working parents. Fred & Marlene Brettell, Lloydminster (306) 825-2640 (10)

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BORDER COLLIE pups from working parents. Good for working sheep or cattle. Born Aug 5/90. First shots. $120.00. Suzanne, Hays, 725-2104 (11)

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LIVESTOCK GUARDING dogs. Great Pyreenes puppies. Registered and shots. Males available now or reserve one from our upcoming litter. Helen, Strathmore, 934-2778 (11)

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FOR SALE - MISCELLANEOUS

EXCEPTIONAL SPINNING quality fleece from coated sheep. White and colored. Sharon Bieber, Calgary, 931-3786 (10)

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7 X 21 FOOT fifth wheel, 3 axle, compartmentalized for sheep. Asking $2,500. Ken or Thersa, New Norway, 855-2403 (10)

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POTENTIAL SHEEP/Mkt garden or hobby farm. Centrally located in northern Alberta in the valley of the Smoky River, approx. 80 miles NE of Grande Prairie. Pasture and all amenities. Ready to move in. Make an offer! Photos available on request. Val Mitchler, Donnelly, 837-8278 (11)

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FEMALE LLAMAS. 1 white and brown yearling, bred and due next summer, Canadian 1LR registered. Asking $15,000. Jim, Llake Eden Llamas, Onoway, 967-4453 (11)

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BEE ELECTRIC fencer 120 volt. 1000' electric fence wire. 1 roll page wire. 8' slabs. Post hole digger. 35 gal. sheep trough. 8' x 16' sheep shelter. Hoof trimmer. Metal ear tag pliers. Docking ring expander. Ernie Voth, Vulcan, 534-2416 (11)

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ROUND BALE feeder. Asking $230. Darryl, Sylvan Lake, 887-2107 (11)

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SHEEP TILTING squeeze. $450. Gerald, Gunn, 674-4734 (11)

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ROUND BALE sheep feeder. $275. Also selling: 1 1/2" to 1 3/4" steel tubing, .45¢ foot for 1 1/2", .55¢ foot for 1 3/4", thickness .125. Rod Ceccato, Eckville, 746-5455 (11)

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FOR SALE OR TRADE

FLOCK REDUCTION - 100 2-4 yr old Suffolk/Rambouillet ewes in excellent health. No culls. Records available - $100/head firm or trade for alfalfa hay and/or grain. Henry Tolsma, Vauxhall, 654-2982 (10)

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2 REGISTERED Polypay rams. Triplets. Out of 1989 highest gaining triplet Balderson ram at Olds Test Station. Dam also triplet. Will sell or trade for registered Polypay ewe lambs. Must be twins or better. Herman, Sherwood Park, 922-5973 (11)

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1 PUREBRED registered Hampshire ram. Mouritsen/Reed breeding. 3 yrs old. Will trade for 2 or 3 yr old purebred registered Rambouillet or Dorset ram of equal stature. Wild Rose Hollow Farm, Athabasca, 675-4099 (11)

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WANTED - SHEEP

FEEDER LAMBS, goats and culled ewes. Jean Bolay, Westlock, 349-5203 (10)

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WANTED - MISCELLANEOUS

WISHES TO purchase organically grown wheat. George Lauf, Sherwood Park, 922-4740 (11)

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HELP AVAILABLE

CUSTOM SHEARER available. Peace region. Randy Yaklin, Beaverlodge, 354-8189 (10)

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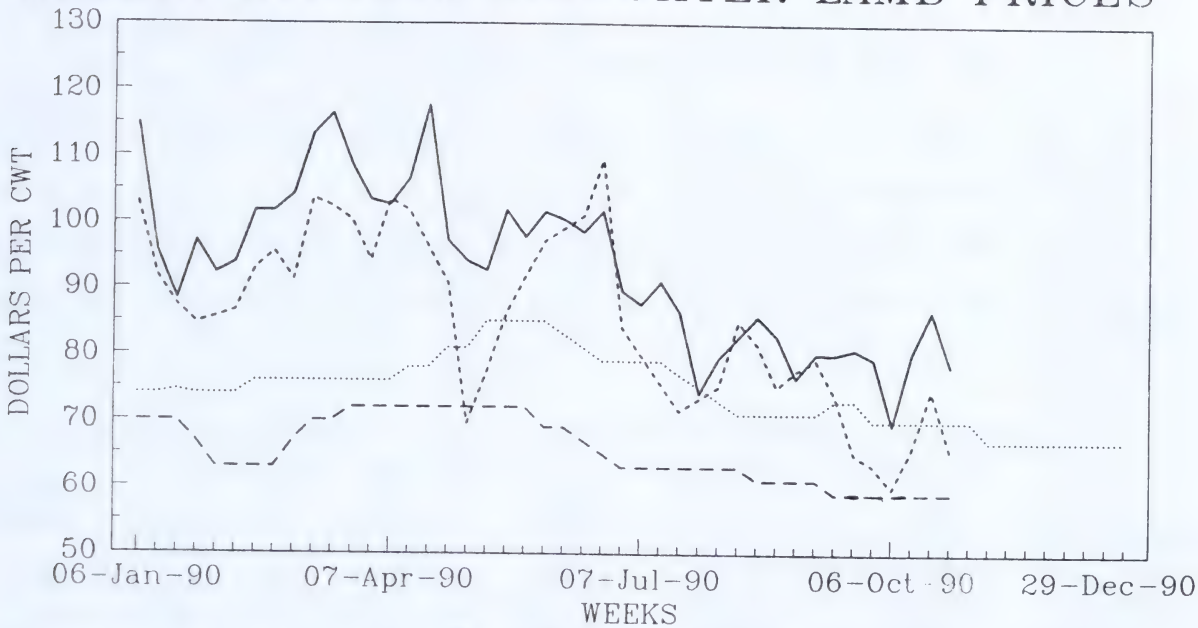

1990 SHRUNK 95-110 LBS LAMBCO 1989 SHRUNK 95-110 LBS LAMBCO

95-110 LBS TORONTO 80-95 LBS TORONTO

The bid range at Lambco, in Innisfail remained fully steady this month at $56.00 to $59.00 per cwt. Please also note that due to a market reporting error, last month's Footnotes incorrectly stated Lambco's bid range for the last week of September was $53.00 to $56.00 per cwt, when it actually was $56.00 to $59.00 per cwt. Slaughter volumes at the Lambco plant are expected to remain limited for the next month and pre-booking a slaughter date for your market lambs is still advisable.

There were to lamb sales at the Fort Macleod Auction with slaughter lambs going for $45.75 to $49.50 per cwt in the second week of October and for $52.00 to $55.00 per cwt in the third week. Feeder lambs improved slightly from $45.25 to $51.00 per cwt to $48.00 to $52.00 per cwt.

At the Edmonton Stockyards, this month slaughter lambs sold steady at $44.00 to $48.00 per cwt while feeder lamb price ranged from $48.00 to $56.00 per cwt.

Light and heavy slaughter lamb prices at the Toronto Stockyards continued to plummet pressured by incoming shipments of lambs from outside the region.

Slaughter lamb markets in the United States have given a few indications that the industry is beginning to deal with the over supply problem of over weight lambs. In wholesale markets, heavy lamb carcasses are now being discounted with lighter carcasses are receiving a premium, a situation that has been reversed since June. Slaughter volumes are now tracking consistently below last years levels for the same time period, although average carcass weights have remained steady. Slaughter and feeder prices at auctions are beginning to take a firmer tone if not rising in some due to tight local supplies.

PRICE RANGE AND VOLUMES FOR GOOD LAMBS 95-110 LBS AT LAMBCO

	WEEK 1	WEEK2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	MONTHLY SUMMARY
CURRENT MON						
OCT 1990	56.00-59.00	56.00-59.00	56.00-59.00	56.00-59.00		56.00-59.00
LAST MON						
SEP 1990	58.00-61.00	58.00-61.00	56.00-59.00	56.00-59.00	56.00-59.00	56.80-59.80
YR AGO MON						
OCT 1989	67.00-70.00	67.00-70.00	67.00-70.00	67.00-70.00		67.00-70.00
VOLUMES						
OCT 1990	1,740	1,244	1,230	1,732		5,946
OCT 1989	1,704	1,471	1,612	1,384		6,171

PRICE RANGE AND VOLUMES FOR GOOD LAMBS 95-110 LBS AT TORONTO PUBLIC STOCKYARDS
(With weighted average price in brackets beneath each range)

	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	MONTHLY SUMMARY
CURRENT MON	52.00-72.00	63.00-75.00	63.00-80.00	58.00-70.00		
OCT 1990	(59.90)	(65.75)	(74.77)	(65.51)		65.07
LAST MON	71.00-81.00	75.00-80.00	66.00-86.00	61.00-70.00	60.00-69.50	
SEP 1990	(77.61)	(79.20)	(73.93)	(65.07)	(63.24)	70.69
YR AGO MON	65.00-80.00	65.00-78.00	75.00-85.00	N.E.P.		
OCT 1989	(76.43)	(68.26)	(84.89)			74.80
OCT/90 VOLUME	193	17	73	114		397
AVG WEIGHT	97.8	106.1	101.2	102.0		

PRICE RANGE AND VOLUMES FOR GOOD LAMBS 80-95 LBS AT TORONTO PUBLIC STOCKYARDS
(With weighted average price in brackets beneath each range)

	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	MONTHLY SUMMARY
CURRENT MON	69.00-95.00	60.00-94.00	73.00-100.00	70.00-88.00		
OCT 1990	(69.45)	(80.31)	(86.68)	(78.34)		76.56
LAST MON	70.00-82.00	70.00-85.00	70.00-89.00	70.00-100.00	65.00-98.00	
SEP 1990	(76.47)	(80.15)	(80.08)	(80.84)	(79.42)	79.31
YR AGO MON	75.00-93.00	73.00-100.00	75.00-102.00	78.00-100.00		
OCT 1989	(81.92)	(79.20)	(87.55)	(90.72)		92.98
OCT/90 VOLUME	313	118	140	206		777
AVG WEIGHT	94.4	85.6	86.2	88.1		

Prices quoted for 95-110 lb lambs are bid prices at Lambco and auction prices at Toronto Public Stockyards for good quality lambs. The lower end of the Alberta price range reflects bids for short haul unshrunk lambs, while the upper end of the range represents bids for long haul or shrunk lambs. Producers delivering to the Toronto Public Stockyards pay commission and yardage fees for each animal sold. Producers delivering to Lambco pay $1/head checkoff to the Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission.

The Toronto auction price is from the Special Sheep and Lamb Sale held on Monday each week.

N.E.P - No established price

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REPRESENTATIVE LIVE SALES

AS OF OCTOBER 19, 1990

AREA	TYPE OF SHEEP	TYPE OF SALE	HEAD	LBS.	WEIGHING CONDITIONS	PRICE ($/CWT.)
WEST COAST						
California	Spring	Auction	100	100-110	Choice & prime, wooled & shorn	48.00-50.00
California	Feeder	Auction	150	50- 75	Choice, wooled	52.00-54.00
California	Feeder	Auction	300	75-100	Choice, wooled	48.00-52.50
MOUNTAIN						
Colorado	Spring	Auction	300	110-120	Choice & prime, wooled	54.75-55.25
Colorado	Feeder	Auction	150	60- 65	Choice & fancy, wooled	54.00-55.00
Colorado	Feeder	Auction	600	80-110	Choice & fancy, wooled	51.00-53.00
Montana	Feeder	Auction	300	50- 60	Choice & fancy, wooled	52.00-54.00
Montana	Feeder	Auction	3000	60- 90	Choice & fancy, wooled	48.00-52.25
Montana	Feeder	Auction	700	90-110	Choice & fancy, wooled	45.00-50.00
N. Mexico	Feeder	Direct	10000	80- 90	Choice & fancy, wooled, FOB overnight	48.00-52.00
N. Mexico	Feeder	Direct	2000	60- 80	Choice & fancy, wooled, FOB overnight	50.00-53.00
Colorado	Sl. Ewe	Auction	200		Utility	17.00-19.50
Colorado	Sl. Ewe	Auction	150		Cull & low-utility	13.00-17.00
Montana	St. Ewe	Auction	190		2 year olds (per head)	77.50
SOUTH CENTRAL						
Texas	Feedlot	Direct	8000	110-125	51% yield guar., shorn	53.00-54.50
Texas	Feedlot	Direct	3700	110-120	Choice & prime, shorn, FOB 4% shrink	50.00-53.00
Kansas	Spring	Auction	500	90-125	Choice & prime, wooled	48.00-52.00
Kansas	Feeder	Auction	150	80-100	Choice & fancy, wooled	47.00-49.50
Oklahoma	Feeder	Auction	200	55- 85	Choice & fancy, wooled	51.50-54.50
Texas	Feeder	Auction	200	35- 40	Choice & fancy, wooled	63.00-65.00
Texas	Feeder	Auction	600	40- 60	Choice & fancy, wooled	55.00-61.00
Texas	Feeder	Auction	900	60- 70	Choice & fancy, wooled	52.00-58.00
Texas	Feeder	Auction	1200	70- 80	Choice & fancy, wooled	50.00-57.50
Texas	Feeder	Auction	2000	80- 90	Choice & fancy, wooled	50.00-56.00
Texas	Feeder	Auction	1200	90-100	Choice & fancy, wooled	50.00-53.00
Texas	Sl. Ewe	Auction	1000		Good	30.00-35.00
Texas	Sl. Ewe	Auction	4000		Utility	22.00-30.00
Texas	Sl. Ewe	Auction	800		Cull	15.00-22.00
Kansas	St. Ewe	Auction	200		Short term to solid mouth	25.00-40.00
NORTH CENTRAL						
S. Dakota	Spring	Auction	1000	119-140	Choice & prime, shorn	55.00-58.25
S. Dakota	Spring	Auction	300	100-108	Choice & prime, wooled	52.75-53.50
S. Dakota	Spring	Auction	900	110-130	Choice & prime, wooled	53.85-56.10
S. Dakota	Spring	Auction	300	130-140	Choice & prime, wooled	52.00-54.00
N. Dakota	Spring	Computer	391	115-140	Choice & prime, $2 wooled disc., 3% shr.	54.50
Wisconsin	Spring	Computer	1245	112-118	Choice & prime, $2 wooled disc., 3% shr.	53.25-57.00
Iowa	Spring	Auction	250	105-135	Choice & prime, wooled	47.25-51.00
Iowa	Spring	Computer	1170	122-123	Choice & prime, $2 wooled disc., 3% shr.	55.00
IA-MN	Spring	Computer	400	120	Choice & prime, $2 wooled disc., 3% shr.	56.00
IA-S. MN	Spring	Direct	3100	115-130	Choice & prime, shorn, FOB 4% shrink	50.00-54.00
IA-S. MN	Spring	Direct	2600	110-140	Choice & prime, wooled, FOB 4% shrink	46.00-52.00
Minnesota	Spring	Auction	1200	100-135	Choice & prime, $2 wooled discount	48.00-52.00
N. Dakota	Feeder	Auction	150	50- 75	Choice & fancy, wooled	52.00-54.00
N. Dakota	Feeder	Auction	150	75- 85	Choice & fancy, wooled	49.50-50.25
N. Dakota	Feeder	Auction	150	85-100	Choice & fancy, wooled	45.00-46.50
Minnesota	Feeder	Auction	900	60- 90	Choice & fancy, wooled	45.00-50.00
S. Dakota	Feeder	Auction	900	50- 80	Choice & fancy, wooled	50.00-57.00
S. Dakota	Feeder	Auction	1600	80- 90	Choice & fancy, wooled	48.00-50.00
S. Dakota	Feeder	Auction	1300	90-100	Choice & fancy, wooled	46.00-48.00
S. Dakota	Feeder	Direct	1000	75- 80	Choice & fancy, wooled, FOB overnight	51.00
S. Dakota	Sl. Ewe	Auction	800		Utility & good	18.50-21.75
S. Dakota	St. Ewe	Auction	500		Short term (per head)	28.00-35.00
EASTERN						
Ohio	Spring	Auction	435	100-120	Choice & prime, $4 wooled discount	54.00-58.75
Ohio	Spring	Pool	650	100-125	Choice & prime, $2 wooled discount	56.00
Virginia	Spring	Auction	987	95-125	Choice & prime, wooled	47.75
Michigan	Spring	Auction	800	100-120	Choice & prime, $2 wooled discount	48.00-53.00
Michigan	Spring	Pool	215	100-120	Choice & prime, wooled	45.50
Michigan	Feeder	Pool	250	60- 75	Choice & fancy, wooled	58.00
Michigan	Feeder	Pool	250	75- 85	Choice & fancy, wooled	51.00
Michigan	Feeder	Pool	250	85- 95	Choice & fancy, wooled	45.00
Virginia	Feeder	Auction	113	70- 85	Choice & fancy, wooled	51.25-52.50

FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER (Head)

	THIS WEEK (estimated)	% THIS WEEK vs LAST WEEK	% THIS WEEK vs LAST YEAR	WEEK ENDING 9/29/90 (actual)	TOTAL YEAR TO DATE	% 1990 vs 1989 TOTAL
SHEEP	107,000	+4.9	-0.7	104,834	4,369,000	+3.7
CATTLE	614,000	-3.0	-5.1	656,367	26,377,000	-1.6
CALF	32,000	-3.0	-25.8	32,146	1,401,000	-17.3
HOGS	1,634,000	+0.1	-9.1	1,676,089	65,973,000	-4.5

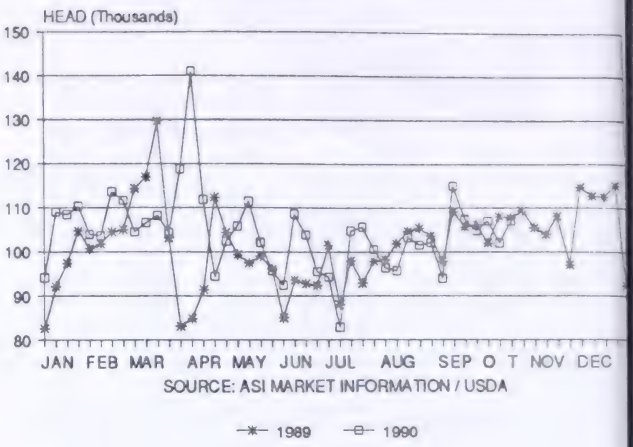
RED MEAT PRODUCTION (million pounds)

	THIS WEEK (estimated)	% THIS WEEK vs LAST WEEK	% THIS WEEK vs LAST YEAR	WEEK ENDING 9/22/90 (actual)	TOTAL YEAR TO DATE	% 1990 vs 1989 TOTAL
LAMB	6.7	+4.8	-1.5	6.6	279.8	+6.5
BEEF	428.2	-2.9	-4.0	448.1	18,004.3	-1.0
VEAL	6.0	-4.9	-7.9	6.2	239.3	-10.5
PORK	291.5	+0.1	-9.0	307.0	11,802.0	-3.9
TOTAL	732.4	-1.7	-6.1	767.9	30,325.4	-2.2

DRESSED WEIGHT		PERCENT LAMB SLAUGHTER	
THIS WEEK (EST.)	63	9/29/90	94.4
9/22/90 (ACT.)	62	9/30/89	92.6

AS OF OCTOBER 19, 1990

AVERAGE WEEKLY F.I. SLAUGHTER



WHOLESALE LAMB MARKET

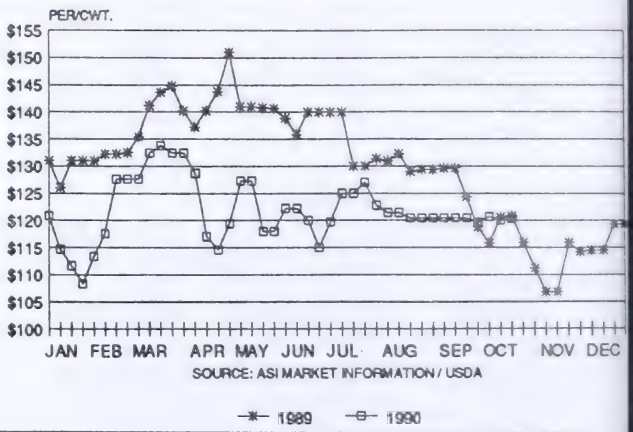
	55 lbs-down	55-65 lbs	65-75 lbs
NORTHEAST	$1.23	$1.20	$1.18
FOB RIVER	$1.18	$1.15	$1.13
	LESS THAN CARLOT		
LOS ANGELES	$1.22*	$1.20**	$1.20
BAY AREA	$1.25*	$1.23**	$1.23

* 60 lbs. & down ** 60-65 lbs.

After spending only one week at even money and 15 weeks with a reverse spread, the wholesale market was pushed into a heavy lamb discount again for the first time since the beginning of June. On the East Coast, light carcass prices increased 3 cents while heavies fell 2 cents. On the West Coast, lights were up 2 cents while heavies remained steady. On both Coasts, middle weights remained steady. Despite the heavy discount, weights still appear to be in good shape, particularly for this time of year.

EAST COAST WHOLESALE PRICE

WEIGHTED AVERAGE ALL WEIGHTS



DISTRIBUTIVE CUT MARKET & RETAIL FEATURE ACTIVITY

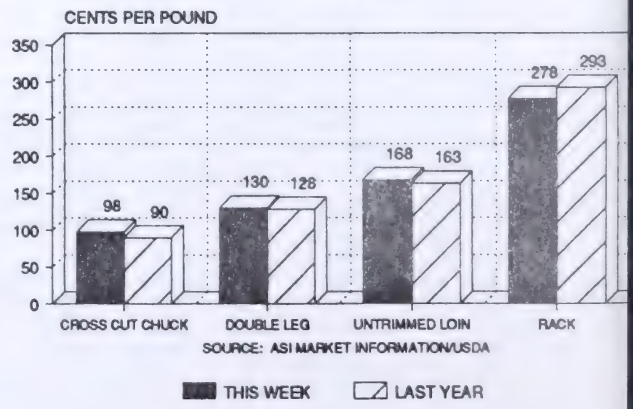
The trend toward lower middle meat prices, which took hold on the West Coast last week, continued this week. Loins in the Bay Area were only slightly lower while racks were steady. However, loins were off 20 cents in L.A., while racks fell 30 cents after falling 25 and 10 cents respectively last week. Shoulder and leg prices were mostly steady to firm. The same trend held true in the Northwest with lower rack and loin prices taking hold. Leg prices shot up 15 cents and shoulders were steady. On the East Coast, legs were steady while chucks were steady to 5 cents lower. Softer demand for middle meat caused rack prices to settle steady to 5 cents lower and loins a full 5 cents off last week's prices.

ITEM	NORTH-EAST	BAY AREA	LOS ANGELES	NORTH WEST
CHUCK CROSS CUT	$ .90-1.05	No Quote	No Quote	No Quote
CHUCK SQUARE CUT	No Quote	$1.25*	$1.05*	$1.13*
SINGLE LEG	No Quote	$1.85*	$1.59-1.69	$1.75*
DOUBLE LEG	$1.25-1.35	$1.63	$1.45	No Quote
LOIN	$1.55-1.80	$3.25*	$2.95*	$3.19*
RACK 7 UP	$2.65-2.90	$3.05*	$2.65*	$2.85*
FORE SADDLE	No Quote	$1.29	$1.40	No Quote
HIND SADDLE	$1.40-1.50	$1.72	$1.55	No Quote

* Trimmed and/or vacuumed packed

EAST COAST CUT PRICES

AVERAGE



FOR 24-HOUR LAMB MARKET NEWS CALL 303-771-8472

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November 5

Mountain View Sheep Producers Association regular meeting. 7:30 PM. Olds College Riding Arena. Topic: Management Systems for Sheep Producers. Host: Warren Moore. Tentative Panel: Pete Lawson, Thirsty Fox Farms, Warren Moore, Treco Ranch and Alan Cunningham, Sunroc Ranch. For more information call Warren at 749-2023 or Mike at 224-3743.

November 13

Ponoka Sheep Producers Club. Guard dogs and herding dogs can be an important part of a sheep operation. Tonights meeting will include a video on guard dogs and a presentation on herding dogs by Elvin Kopp. For further information contact John at 784-3511 or Brian at 783-7072.

November 13

Rocky View Sheep Producers meeting in Airdrie Provincial Agricultural Building Seminar Room #1 at 7:00 P.M. All interested persons welcome. For more information call Joe at 948-3138 or Bill at 948-5773.

November 14

Millarville Lamb Night. Keep the day open for a great lamb dinner and an afternoon of technical talks. Timely talks of interest to sheep producers will be the order of the day. The afternoon will begin at 2:00 P.M. Pre-registration is necessary so contact the High River District Office at 652-3232 for tickets.

November 22

North-Central Sheep Sales. Fat and Feeder lambs. Edmonton Public Stockyards. Deadline for sheep deliveries at all sales is 9:00 A.M. For additional information (sheep) contact Bruce McGhan, Box 739, Calmar, TOC OVO, phone 985-3744 or John Bolay (goats), RR #1, Westlock, TOG 2LO, phone 349-5203.

November 24	Stock Dog Trial. Pasu Farms. For more information call Ron Gale, 638-2836.
November 24	Monthly Sheep and Goat Sale at Camrose Auction Market, 672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. For further information contact S. Spahic, Box 89, Hay Lakes, TOB 1WO, phone 878-3784.
November 27	Attention Camrose Area Sheep Producers! Record keeping is a very important part of any successful livestock operation. Why you need good records and how to keep them will be presented tonight. For further information contact Wray at 427-5083.
November 28 - December 2	Intermediate Sheep Management Workshop. Resource Person - William K. Kruesi, Wallingford, Vermont. Author - Sheep Raiser's Manual and full time sheep producer. Co-sponsored by the Cee-Der Sheep Products. Limited to 15 participants. Cost - $330.00 course registration, accommodation and meals. For further information contact Mr. Glynn Brooks, Cee-Der Chalets, Box 525, Canmore, Alberta TOL OMO or phone 678-5251.
December 3	Mountain View Sheep Producers Association regular meeting. 7:30 PM. Olds College Riding Arena. Topic: Nutrition with Emphasis on Minerals. Host: Randy McDermit. Guest Speaker: Roger Fallen, Manna Feeds, Denver, Colorado. For more information call Randy at 227-1519 or Mike at 224-3743.
December 6	North-Central Sheep Sales. Fat and Feeder lambs. Special Goat Sale. Edmonton Public Stockyards. Deadline for sheep deliveries at all sales is 9:00 A.M. For additional information (sheep) contact Bruce McGhan, Box 739, Calmar, TOC OVO, phone 985-3744 or John Bolay (goats), RR #1, Westlock, TOG 2LO, phone 349-5203.
December 11	Ponoka Sheep Producers Club. Newborn lamb care is critical. The first couple of days can make the difference in weaning a successful lamb crop. Some tips in getting lambs going will be discussed tonight. For further information contact John at 784-3511 or Brian at 783-7072.

December 18	Rocky View Sheep Producers meeting in Airdrie Provincial Agricultural Building Seminar Room #1 at 7:00 P.M. All interested persons welcome. For more information call Joe at 948-3138 or Bill at 948-5773.
December 29	Monthly Sheep and Goat Sale at Camrose Auction Market, 672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. For further information contact S. Spahic, Box 89, Hay Lakes, TOB 1WO, phone 878-3784.

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January 7	Mountain View Sheep Producers Association regular meeting. 7:30 PM. Olds College Riding Arena. Topic: Flock Health Management and Raising Orphan Lambs. Host: Jim Pearson. Guest Speaker: T.B.A. For more information call Jim at 224-3026 or Mike at 224-3743.
January 8	Ponoka Sheep Producers Club. What sheep diseases concern you? What can you do to manage these diseases? Tonights meeting will include a presentation on disease prevention and establishing a minimal disease flock. For further information contact John at 784-3511 or Brian at 783-7072.
January 8	Rocky View Sheep Producers meeting in Airdrie Provincial Agricultural Building Seminar Room #1 at 7:00 P.M. All interested persons welcome. For more information call Joe at 948-3138 or Bill at 948-5773.
January 17	North-Central Sheep Sales. Fat and Feeder lambs. Edmonton Public Stockyards. Deadline for sheep deliveries at all sales is 9:00 A.M. For additional information (sheep) contact Bruce McGhan, Box 739, Calmar, TOC OVO, phone 985-3744 or John Bolay (goats), RR #1, Westlock, TOG 2LO, phone 349-5203.

January 26	Monthly Sheep and Goat Sale at Camrose Auction Market, 672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. For further information contact S. Spahic, Box 89, Hay Lakes, TOB 1WO, phone 878-3784.
February 12	Ponoka Sheep Producers Club. Do you know the rules that govern selling lamb off your farm? If you plan to develop new markets for your lamb, you must follow meat hygiene regulations. Tonights speaker will explain these rules and answer any questions that you may hve. For further information contact John at 784-3511 or Brian at 783-7072.
February 12	Rocky View Sheep Producers meeting in Airdrie Provincial Agricultural Building Seminar Room #1 at 7:00 P.M. All interested persons welcome. For more information call Joe at 948-3138 or Bill at 948-5773.
February 14	North-Central Sheep Sales. Fat and Feeder lambs. Edmonton Public Stockyards. Deadline for sheep deliveries at all sales is 9:00 A.M. For additional information (sheep) contact Bruce McGhan, Box 739, Calmar, TOC OVO, phone 985-3744 or John Bolay (goats), RR #1, Westlock, TOG 2LO, phone 349-5203.
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Letters

Your Opinion

CODAN SUFFOLKS

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"PERFORMANCE ALL THE WAY"

September 24,1990

Wray Whitmore
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Dear Editor:

After reading a letter in your Sheep Footnotes from Cypresshills Romanov I felt that this letter warranted a reply.

Cypreeshills starts out writing about the facts but the problem is that they seem to be light on All The Facts .

The comparison is with 1/2 Romanov and 1/2 ?. Is the other Suffolk? Not a very good comparison. It is better to compare Purebred Romanov to Purebred Suffolk so that everything is on a better line. Now the Alberta Test Station which is one of the many province or state testing facilities in 1989 published the average ADG of Romanov was 0.381 kg/day and of Suffolk was 0.519. The next year 1990 Romanov was 0.407 and Suffolk was 0.505.

The 1.08 lbs / day is a good gain for an animal with 1/2 Romanov and 1/2 influence from the other breed. Now, a purebred Suffolk at the Wisconsin Test Station gained 1.84 lbs / day and one Suffolk at the Maine Test Station gained 1.73 lbs / day so that from my way your top Romanovs don't have it to Suffolks.

Romanovs have their merits such as multi births but Cypresshills when it comes to Suffolks your Romanovs cannot out gain the terminal sire.

Yours sincerely

Bill Duffield

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NOVEMBER SHEEP SEMINARS!

I Cardston Sheep Seminar - Tuesday, November 13, 1990 (Cardston Provincial Building)

7:00 pm Dr. John Walker, Range Scientist, US Sheep Experiment Station Dubois

"Multispecies Grazing"

8:00-8:30 COFFEE

8:30 pm Dale Engstrom, Nutrition Section Alberta Agriculture, Edmonton

"Using Technology"

$5.00 per person registration fee

II Millarville Lamb Day - Wednesday, November 14, 1990

Millarville Fair Grounds

3:00 pm Registration

3:30-4:30 Dr. John Walker, USSES, Dubois,

"Multispecies Grazing"

4:30-5:30 COFFEE

5:30-7:00 LAMB DINNER

7:00-7:15 Gerry Pittman, Chairman

Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission

7:15-8:15 Dale Engstrom, Nutrition Section

"Using Technology"

8:15-8:30 COFFEE

8:30-9:30 Dr. Gerald Thomas, President Emeritus,

New Mexico State University

"The Role of Livestock in Sustainable Agricultural Systems"

PREREGISTRATION IS NECESSARY

Contact the High River District Office at 652-8300 for tickets

COST All day - $20.00
Evening only (no supper) - $5.00

III Nisku Sheep Nite - Thursday, November 15, 1990

Nisku Inn (across Highway 2 from the airport)

7:00 pm Dr. John Walker, USSES Dubois

"Multispecies Grazing"

8:00 pm Dale Engstrom, Nutrition Section

"Using Technology"

9:00-9:15 COFFEE

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SIX WAYS TO KILL A SHEEP

by

Joyce McCart

"Feeding well is the best way to keep sheep healthy. It's also the best way to kill them".

We've been in sheep--Commercials, Suffolks, then Dorsets--off and on for the past 16 years. We feed well, use preventive medicine, keep detailed records, and generally think we're doing a pretty good job. Recently, as we were going over some old records, we were surprised to find just how many sheep we've managed to kill with feed, and distressed to note it was invariably the best who died.

In our early years of sheep production, we had the excuse of lack of experience; later on, our only excuse was stupidity. In any case, we noticed there seemed to be quite a few ways to kill sheep by feeding them. The following is a description of six ways to do it.

1. **Feed Them What They Need**

   The first crop of lambs we ever produced was healthy and strong. The lambs were on a diet of ewe's milk and ever-increasing amounts of creep feed. They were looking good and graining fast, until one day...

But you know this story. Almost every sheep producer can tell a similar one. One day you go out and find the biggest and best ram lamb lying dead on the ground. That first dead lamb is usually your first and only intimation there's a problem. More often than not, the problem is enterotoxemia (overeating disease).

The irony of overeating disease (see accompanying table) is that you're feeding the lambs exactly what they need to maintain their growth. Changing the feed won't solve the problem, and you can't cure the disease--partly because there's no time for treatment. But there is a means of prevention--immunization with a vaccine. Like most sheep producers, we now

vaccinate our ewes before they lamb, which protects the lambs up to 50 days of age. After 50 days, we continue the protection by giving the lambs booster shots.

2. **Feed Them The Wrong Feed**

One winter, when hay was of lower quality than usual, we tried to compensate for the lack of quality by letting our pregnant ewes eat all they wanted. The ewes are in good condition, we reasoned, but chances are that most of them are carrying twins, and need lots of feed to maintain their weight. The reasoning was okay, but the feed was wrong. Several of the ewes prolapsed.

Prolapse in late pregnancy is often caused by excess feed--particularly excess bulky feed--combined with high internal fat levels and twins or triplets. You can get it by self-feeding your ewes on chopped hay or round bales, or by letting them browse on straw stacks. The animals stuff themselves on the bulky ration with the same result, as the TV Vet puts it, as trying to squeeze a quart into a pint pot.

Prolapse can kill a ewe--sometimes through rupture, sometimes by being culled for slaughter. Many producers are reluctant to give prolapsing ewes a second chance, even though, on a different ration, they may never prolapse again.

Ewes in late pregnancy do need higher nutrition, but they don't need more bulk. We now feed a low-bulk, high-energy diet of smaller amounts of top quality hay (even if we have to go out and buy it) and a generous ration of grain. If we need to give them extra protein, we add it in a low-bulk form--either by mixing soy meal with their grain ration or by giving them access to a protein block. We've found that ewes on a low-bulk, high-quality diet maintain their weight well, rarely prolapse, and are in little danger of succumbing to pregnancy toxemia.

3. **Make Sudden Changes in Their Feed**

Years ago, we bought 20 replacement ewe lambs and fed them what they were accustomed to, which was alfalfa hay and barley. Then we decided to buy a load of alfalfa pellets and started to feed them that. Alfalfa is alfalfa, right? Wrong. Within a couple of days, all the ewe lambs developed bloat. Three of them died.

Bloat is a feeding disorder caused by a sudden change to richer forage. And, just as forage can cause bloat, sudden changes to different or higher quality concentrates can lead to grain overload. A sheep's rumen adjusts slowly, and even a minor feed change can have a major effect on a sheep's food processing system. Opportunities to make minor changes in feed abound on a sheep operation. For example:

1. Changing from one grain to another (eg. barley to oats; oats to a commercial pellet).
2. Changing from one type of the same grain to another type (eg. whole to ground; old crop to new crop; low quality to high quality).
3. Changing from one forage to another (eg. grass pasture to alfalfa pasture; alfalfa hay to alfalfa pellets).

Nowadays, we try to reduce the risk from sudden feed changes by preconditioning the sheep prior to any changes in their status. Whenever we start thinking about breeding the open ewes, for example, we also start thinking about how we're going to change their feed from a maintenance ration to a flushing ration. Generally, we start with a small amount of the richer feed, increase the amount gradually, and allow a leisurely week or two to make the complete switch.

4. **Leave a Gap in Their Feeding Regime**

We were feeding a group of young ewe lambs on free choice grain. One morning, their feeder was empty and we delayed refilling until the evening of the following day. The ewe lambs came down with grain overload. Four of them looked miserable for several days; one had to be shipped.

If you deprive sheep of a feed they're particularly fond of for a few days, they're far more likely to eat too much of it than if they have it constantly available. Another common example of this kind of over-indulgence occurs in sheep who have been deprived of salt.

Even though we feed salt and mineral free choice, we also keep salt blocks in the yards in case we don't notice when the mineral feeders are empty. We deal with the feed problem by guarding against gaps in the availability of a free choice feed, and by handling any gap that does occur by re-introducing the feed as gradually as we introduced it in the first place.

5. Allow Them Access to Excess Grain

During one lambing, two ewes confined to claiming pens with their lambs broke out and consumed most of the grain in two pails we had stored in an empty pen. The ewes immediately lost their appetites and started to waste away. They tottered when they tried to walk and spent most of their time lying down. Within a week, they were dead.

An unlimited supply of grain plus a hungry sheep is a case of grain overload just looking to happen. A loose creep gate, a grain spill, an open granary door are all potential sheep killers. There have been cases where entire flocks have broken into the grain supply, and most of the ewes have either died or had to be put down.

Less serious cases of grain overload can be caused by a minor oversight. Overcrowding at the grain feeder, for example, allows the aggressive ewes in the group to get more than their share of grain. Rams on maintenance, too, are at risk whenever they're turned out with a group of ewes being flushed on grain. Unused to grain and strong enough to hold their place at the feeder, breeding rams are a natural candidate for grain overload.

Often accompanying grain overload, and continuing after a sheep has recovered from it, is grain founder. The sheep develops a limp, points its toes when it walks, and grazes on its knees. The problem is an inflammation that causes the layers of the hoof to separate. It's called laminitis, and the damage it does can be permanent. Even it a ewe survives to breed again, her useful life is shortened as she experiences increasing difficulty competing for feed and keeping up with the flock on pasture.

The only way we've found to deal with accidents is to be imaginatively aware of all the possibilities the sheep have for getting at more grain than is good for them. Even then, they'll probably find some way we haven't thought of.

6. Feed Them Something Strange and Unusual

One day, we watched as 23 ewe lambs stood in the middle of a spring pasture bawling their heads off to be fed. Because the ewe lambs were September-born, they had never seen grass before, and not one of them realized that what they were standing on was what they were supposed to eat. In fact, they didn't learn to eat grass for days.

Most sheep have no problems with knowing what to do with unfamiliar feed--witness how often they manage to kill themselves with it. Some, however, will simply not eat anything strange, will not recognize it as feed for a long time, and can starve in the midst of plenty.

Though such cases are rare, some producers do talk of rams raised in confinement coming close to starving themselves on grass. This is probably one of the reasons the sheep in Alberta's ram test are turned out on pasture before being offered for sale. The opposite can occur as well--sheep who are used to grass or hay and are reluctant to begin eating concentrates.

In one case, described by a veterinarian speaking at a sheep symposium, a feedlot in the US had thousands of lambs on feed, and lamb after lamb was dying of a mysterious disease. The veterinarians had been flown in from another state in an attempt to solve the problem. He examined the feedlot, had a look at the waterers, and checked the feed bunks. His diagnosis? Starvation. Not because he found the feed bunks empty, but because he found them full to the brim. The lambs, who had been used to pasture, had failed to make the switch from grass to pellets.

Just as the veterinarian solved the feedlots problem by prescribing hay, we now try to give the sheep time to recognize an unfamiliar ration by offering something familiar in addition, by mixing some old feed in with the new feed, or by adding a few experienced sheep to the group to give the novices some feeding lessons.

Well, there you have it--six ways to kill a sheep. I've no doubt there are many others. My only hope is that we're not the ones to find out what they are.

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DISORDERS IN SHEEP CAUSED BY FEEDING PRACTICES

Disorder	Feed Change	Cause	Signs	Treatment*
Acidosis (Grain Overload)	Introducing grain Increasing grain Changing grains Richer grain Different form of grain (eg. ground vs whole) Introducing commercial concentrates	Acid buildup in the rumen	Diarrhea Off feed Depressed Drooping ears Grinding teeth Staggering gait Rapid breathing Weight loss Dehydration Coma Death	Discontinue grain Mineral Oil Bicarbonate Penicillin (all by mouth)
Bloat	Alfalfa pasture Clover pasture Pelleted alfalfa Green alfalfa hay Apples (mechanical blockage)	Gas trapped in the rumen	Left side of sheep larger than right Both sides enlarged Staggering gait Difficult Breathing Goes down Suffocation Death	Discontinue rich forage Mineral oil by mouth
Enterotoxemia (Overeating Disease)	Increasing amounts of high-concentrate rations in self-fed lambs	Bacterial infection	Sudden death of best lambs	None. Ewes and lambs must be vaccinated
Laminitis (Founder)	Same as grain overload	Separation of hoof layers	Limping Lame on four legs Feeding on knees Reluctant to travel	Discontinue grain Administer antihistamines
Prolapse	Too much bulky feed in late pregnancy	Not enough room inside the ewe	Vagina flashes red when ewe strains Cervix protrudes as a red ball Rupture Death	Discontinue free-choice feed Introduce high-energy, low-bulk ration Apply retainer

* Veterinary manuals giving dosages and procedures are listed at the end of this article.

The Classifieds

FOR SALE - SHEEP

BLACK HORN ram - born last spring - $75 O.B.O. Large white ram - Cheviot cross - 3 yrs old - $100 O.B.O. Betty Richer, Ardrossan, 922-5767 (11)

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PUREBRED SUFFOLK ram, yearling and 2 yr old. Also selling purebred Suffolk ewes. Rose, Buck Lake, 388-3321 (11)

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15 FINN cross ewes - yearlings and 2 yr olds - $70 each. Tim or Maureen, Athabasca, 675-4817 or 675-5199 (11)

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FLOCK REDUCTION - Suffolk & Suffolk cross ewes. 2-5 yrs old - $75 O.B.O. Registered Suffolk rams - $175 O.B.O. Loretta Downie, Vegreville, 768-2350 (After 8 PM) (11)

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REGISTERED SUFFOLK ewes. 20 head of quality Fowler/Annis/Crooked Post/Waco and Second Wind breeding. Registered rams from the same flock also available. Fred Hoeber, Riviere Qui Barre, 939-2000 (11)

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COMPLETE FLOCK dispersal. 35 ewes, primarily Suffolk/Columbia cross. 1 ram - Suffolk/Dorset cross. Young flock. Will consider grain and other livestock in trade. Barb, St. Paul, 645-5523 (evenings) (11)

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100 SUFFOLK ewes - $60 each. 140 feeder lambs. 3 Suffolk rams - $80 each. V. Lange, Grande Prairie, 567-2123 (11)

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21 SUFFOLK ewes - 1 1/2 yrs and spring lambs. Vivian Holzbauer, Bruderheim, 796-3556 (11)

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DISPERSAL - RAMBOUILLET and Rambouillet/Suffolk cross ewes and ewe lambs. Healthy and vaccinated. Rambouillet and Suffolk rams. Michael Poole, Rolling Hills, 964-3917 (11)

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2 MOUNTAIN rams, 1 Karakul ram, 1 pure Border Leicester ram, and Sicilian donkey jack. Ed Haesloop, Ohaton, 672-6026 (11)

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PUREBRED NORTH Country Cheviot spring rams and one older ram. C. Rempel and N. Erikson, Beaverlodge, 356-2161 (11)

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PACKAGE OF 9 registered North Country Cheviot ewe lambs. Also have 3 registered ram lambs and some grade North Country Cheviots. Selling all our black face ewes, purebreds, twins and triplets. No culls. Contact Dianne Devlin, Cache Creek, B.C. 604-459-7716 (11)

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109 EWES, 2-4 yrs old. 35 ewe lambs, Suffolk cross. Good foundation flock. All in good health. Rams also available. Darrell Durksen, Veteran, 575-2227 (11)

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50 YOUNG Suffolk crossbred ewes. No culls. Clean herd. $95 each. Gladys Reed, Bonnyville, 826-6995 (11)

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REGISTERED ROMANOV lambs (lambs and adult ram). Purebred Romanov rams. 6 purebred Romanov ewe lambs. Charles Keeler, Calgary, 935-4585 (11)

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40 SUFFOLK and Suffolk cross ewes. To start lambing in January - $100 each. 3 Suffolk rams - $200 each. Inez, Edberg, 877-2116 (11)

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QUALITY EWE lambs. Breedable now! Columbia/Rambouillet cross. Also yearling and lamb rams. Sire Comback from Tansmania. Purchased at '86 World Sheep Congress. First with range wool at Toronto Royal Fair in '89 and 2nd in '88. B. Sept, Walsh, 937-2303 (11)

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ARBA REGISTERED Romney sheep - 3 ewes & 1 ram. All have fabulous fleeces. $250 each. Debbie Loosley, High River, 652-7403 (11)

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MJ RANCH Dorset flock reduction. New Zealand origin. Sheep can be sold registered or non-registered. Minimum lots of 10 head. Viewing by appointment only. Bob Francis, Priddis, 253-5298 (11)

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GOOD SOLID meat type rams for practical breeders. Suffolk/Columbia/Polypay/Rambouillet. Ewes and lambs. Also a few good purebred Suffolk ewe lambs. Warren Moore, Treco Ranch, Lousana, 749-2023 (11)

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1 1990 registered Corriedale ram. Sire - Cook, Dam - Phillippi. This is a twin out of stock purchased at the International Sheep Show in Edmonton. Marilyn LaRose, Stettler, 742-5046 (11)

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KATAHDIN HAIR sheep. Low management, high fertility, parasite tolerant, easy lambing, no shearing required. Meat sheep. Rams for sale. Jim, Llake Eden Llamas, Onoway, 967-4453 (11)

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10 PUREBRED Romanov ewe lambs. April born. $130. Tracy, Wetaskiwin, 352-4372 (11)

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SUFFOLK RAM. $125 O.B.O. Sandra, Stony Plain, 963-5462 (11)

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POLYPAY PUREBRED rams. Twins & triplets. Born Nov 1/89 - Jan 1/90. Lawrence, Vulcan, 485-6646 (11)

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2 YEARLING purebred Suffolk rams. Twin & triplet. $150 O.B.O. Bill or Kathy, Tofield, 662-2748 (11)

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PUREBRED SUFFOLK ram and ewe lambs. Born Feb-Mar '90. Ram 100 day weight average from .979 lbs per day to 1.30 lbs per day. Ewes 100 day weight average from .910 lbs per day to .961 lbs per day. Also 4 yearling rams. Suzanne, Hays, 725-2104 (11)

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45 NORTH Country Cheviot ewes from 1 1/2 - 5 yrs old. Mary Potter, Onoway, 967-5171 (evenings only) (12)

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PUREBRED HAMPSHIRE yearling ram - $175. Cliff Kelsey, Legal, 349-6315 (12)

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REGISTERED CLUN Forest ram, 4 yrs old. Also have commercial Suffolk and Suffolk cross rams that throw nice lambs. Lillian Chilleen, Pickardville, 981-2450 (12)

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BRIGHTBANK FINNSHEEP has top quality Finn rams and ewes. New bloodlines available from semen imported from Finnland. Good selection of lambs available. Yearling rams, fall-born ram lambs and Finn/Dorset cross ram and ewe lambs. ROP tested. Visitors welcome. Kathy Playdon, Stony Plain, 963-0416 (12)

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2 PUREBRED Finn lamb rams. 1 is from a set of twins and the other is from a set of triplets. Harvey, Barrhead, 674-3413 (after 7 PM) (12)

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EWE LAMBS. Polypay breeding. Selected for mothering ability - naturally raised multiple births. Vern Gleddie, Edmonton, 973-5627 (12)

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REGISTERED COLUMBIA ewes, 2,3 and 4 year olds, bred and due to lamb in Jan '91. Also ewe lambs that were born Jan '90. From champion stock - U.S. imported lines. Can deliver to Edmonton. Also registered Hampshire yearling rams. Lynn, Tangent, 359-2146 (12)

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15 BRED purebred Finn, 5 ewe lambs and 7 rams. New bloodlines imported from Finnland. John Howard, Didsbury, 335-9155 (12)

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65 CROSSBRED ewes. Don Bartman, Bassano, 641-3029(12)

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REGISTERED DORSET rams and lambs. Patric Lyster, Vilna, 636-2007 (12)

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COMPLETE HERD dispersal: 65 ewes - mixed breed - bred at pasture. Due to start lambing January. Take some or all. Open to all offers. Ray Mitchell, Bluffton, 843-6602 (12)

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SMALL FLOCK dispersal - 16 ewes 1-3 yrs old - $85 each. 3 yr old Colubmia ram - $125. Merle King, Hardisty, 888-2411 (12)

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COMPLETE DISPERSAL of 165 good crossbred ewes. No culls. 2-3 yr olds. $80 each. Paul or Cindy Pritchard, Rocky Mtn House, 845-4300 (12)

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21 COLORED Romney ewes, 1-4 yrs old. Bred for Mar 1st lambing. $1470 for all or $75 each. Also 1 black Romney ram - $75. 18 Dorset yearling ewes. All lambed last year. $1260 for all or $75 each. 16 Dorset ewe lambs. $1120 for all or $75 each. Ed Fortna, Airdrie, 948-7674 (12)

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FINN & Finn cross rams. Yearling, 2 yr olds & older. Also some Columbia rams. Brian Taylor, Darwell, 892-2967 (12)

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ROMNEY/DORSET ram lambs. Purebred Finn ram 3 yrs old. Suffolk & Suffolk/Finn cross ewes - 2-5 yrs old. Miles Sharples, Myrnam, 366-2266 (evenings) (12)

PUREBRED FINN ewe and ram lambs. Starting at $100. Campsie Cove Mini Farm, Robert, Barrhead, 674-2968(12)

1 YEARLING Suffolk ram. Also ram and ewe lambs. Circle S Suffolks, Beaumont, 929-9300 (12)

CANADIAN ARCOTT rams - ready now. All are from twin sets 1990. Outstanding growth pattern. Phone for an appointment. J & A Grosseth, St. Paul, 724-2058 (12)

PINTO RAM lambs - multi-colors. North Country Cheviot/Suffolk cross triplet ram lambs. Ron Gale, Sundre, 638-2836 (12)

STRAND SUFFOLKS offering for sale top quality meat type registered Suffolk ewe lambs. Daughters and sisters to some of the very best gaining rams at Olds Test Station. $175 includes papers. Also ram lambs, registered. Ready to use now or buy for next year - $250. Call soon for best selection. Walt, 327-9306, Lethbridge (12)

40 OUT of season born Suffolk ewe lambs. Born Sept '90. No hormones or drugs. Flock healthy and prolific. J.J. Brown, Vermilion, 853-2497 (12)

5 PUREBRED Romanov ewe lambs. Bred Suffolk. To lamb Mar-Apr '91. Isabel Warrington, Olds, 556-3814 (12)

FOR SALE - GOATS

REGISTERED NIGERIAN dwarf billy. Black and white. $20 O.B.O. Vivian, Bruderheim, 796-3556 (11)

NUBIAN BUCKS. Born Feb 3/90. Edelweiss breeding. George Von Platen, Wetaskiwin, 352-3110 (11)

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REGISTERED NUBIAN buck - 2 yrs old, excellent condition, dewormed and very fit, proven breeder - $250. Doug Nicks, Ardrossan, 922-5528 (After 6 PM)(12)

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REGISTERED BORDER Collie pups. British and American bloodlines. Excellent livestock dogs. Stud services available. Kirk, Rocky Mtn House, 729-2267 (12)

REGISTERED BORDER Collie male pups. Approximately 2 months old. Patric Lyster, Vilna, 636-2007 (12)

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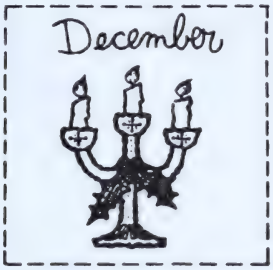

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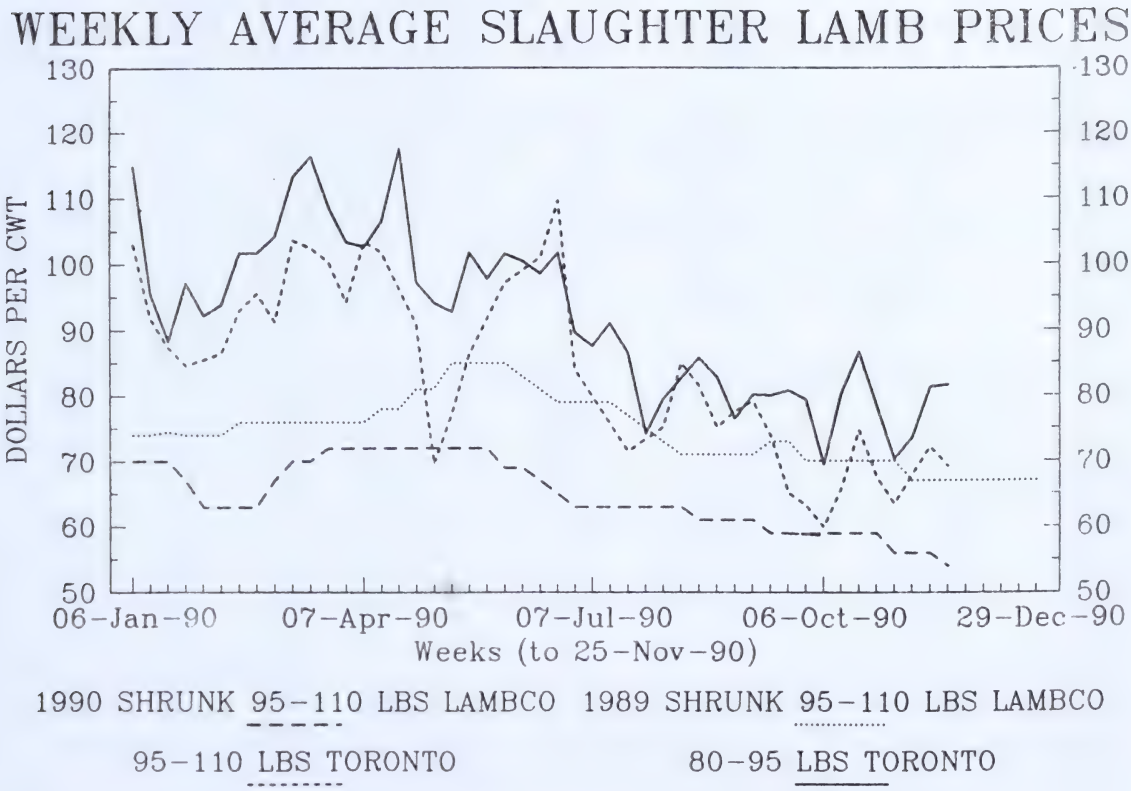

At Lambco, in Innisfail, the bid range for slaughter lambs remained steady through most of the month at $53.00 to $56.00 per cwt, slipping to $51.00 to $54.00 per cwt in the past week. The slaughter volume at the plant lagged almost nine hundred head behind the volume for the same period last year. Lambco's year to date slaughter volume, until November 23, 1990, is about 72,100 head, 3.2 percent lower than the year to date volume for the same period last year of about 74,500 head.

Slaughter lamb prices at the Edmonton Stockyards continued to decline with the price range in the second week of November at $42.00 to $53.00 per cwt dropping to $39.00 to $47.00 per cwt in the past week. Feeder lambs followed a similar pattern with the range decreasing from $40.00 to $54.75 per cwt to $41.00 to $48.75 per cwt.

Toronto Stockyards lamb prices rose slightly this month with heavy slaughter lambs trading at or below $70.00 per cwt and 80 to 95 pound slaughter lamb prices ranging from $70.00 to $80.00 per cwt.

Lamb markets in the United States were mostly steady to slightly lower with wholesale prices dipping due to seasonal increases in volumes. Heavy lamb carcasses continue to be discounted, with carcasses under 55 pounds receiving a ten cents US per pound premium over carcasses heavier than 65 pounds.

PRICE RANGE AND VOLUMES FOR GOOD LAMBS 95-110 LBS AT LAMBCO

	WEEK 1	WEEK2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	MONTHLY SUMMARY
CURRENT MON						
NOV 1990	53.00-56.00	53.00-56.00	53.00-56.00	51.00-54.00		52.50-55.50
LAST MON						
OCT 1990	56.00-59.00	56.00-59.00	56.00-59.00	56.00-59.00		56.00-59.00
YR AGO MON						
NOV 1989	67.00-70.00	64.00-67.00	64.00-67.00	64.00-67.00		64.75-67.75
VOLUMES						
NOV 1990	1,571	1,457	1,179	1,483		5,690
NOV 1989	1,984	1,657	1,408	1,495		6,544

PRICE RANGE AND VOLUMES FOR GOOD LAMBS 95-110 LBS AT TORONTO PUBLIC STOCKYARDS
(With weighted average price in brackets beneath each range)

	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	MONTHLY SUMMARY
CURRENT MON	55.00-67.00	N.E.P.	70.00-80.00	60.00-80.00		
NOV 1990	(63.44)		(72.22)	(69.17)		65.90
LAST MON	52.00-72.00	63.00-75.00	63.00-80.00	58.00-70.00		
OCT 1990	(59.90)	(65.75)	(74.77)	(65.51)		65.07
YR AGO MON	89.00-92.00	81.00-97.00	85.00-121.00	72.00-105.00		
NOV 1989	(90.03)	(85.89)	(98.97)	(86.39)		88.66
NOV/90 VOLUME	158		30	61		249
AVG WEIGHT	101.6		99.7	103.0		

PRICE RANGE AND VOLUMES FOR GOOD LAMBS 80-95 LBS AT TORONTO PUBLIC STOCKYARDS
(With weighted average price in brackets beneath each range)

	WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5	MONTHLY SUMMARY
CURRENT MON	65.00-78.00	60.00-80.00	70.00-95.00	70.00-95.00		
NOV 1990	(70.30)	(73.61)	(81.34)	(81.66)		77.28
LAST MON	69.00-95.00	60.00-94.00	73.00-100.00	70.00-88.00		
OCT 1990	(69.45)	(80.31)	(86.68)	(78.34)		76.56
YR AGO MON	77.00-100.00	96.00-120.00	91.00-128.00	85.00-121.00		
NOV 1989	(93.19)	(111.56)	(107.35)	(97.61)		101.62
NOV/90 VOLUME	204	214	257	266		941
AVG WEIGHT	94.4	85.6	86.2	88.1		

Prices quoted for 95-110 lb lambs are bid prices at Lambco and auction prices at Toronto Public Stockyards for good quality lambs. The lower end of the Alberta price range reflects bids for short haul unshrunk lambs, while the upper end of the range represents bids for long haul or shrunk lambs. Producers delivering to the Toronto Public Stockyards pay commission and yardage fees for each animal sold. Producers delivering to Lambco pay $1/head checkoff to the Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission.

The Toronto auction price is from the Special Sheep and Lamb Sale held on Monday each week.

N.E.P - No established price

JO ANN CMOLUCH
MARKET ECONOMIST
Market Analysis Branch

REPRESENTATIVE LIVE SALES AS OF NOVEMBER 16, 1990

AREA	TYPE OF SHEEP	TYPE OF SALE	HEAD	LBS.	WEIGHING CONDITIONS	PRICE ($/CWT.)
WEST COAST						
Washington	Spring	Direct	500	100-130	Choice & prime, wooled, double dressed	53.00
Washington	Spring	Direct	500	110-125	Choice & prime, wooled, delivered	50.00
California	Feeder	Auction	275	75-110	Choice & fancy, wooled	42.00-46.00
California	Sl. Ewe	Auction	200		Utility	16.00-17.00
MOUNTAIN						
Colorado	Mixed	Auction	575	106-150	Choice & prime, wooled	38.00-42.00
Idaho	Spring	Direct	400	121	Choice & prime, wooled, FOB 4% shr.	45.00
Montana	Feeder	Direct	525	90	Choice & fancy, wooled, FOB overnight	44.25
Colorado	Feeder	Auction	200	68 -70	Choice & fancy, wooled	54.00-55.00
Colorado	Feeder	Auction	350	80- 90	Choice & fancy, wooled	42.00-44.50
Colorado	Feeder	Auction	200	80- 98	Choice, wooled	40.00-42.00
N. Mexico	Feeder	Direct	4000	80- 90	Choice & fancy, wooled, FOB 3% shr.	48.00-52.00
Colorado	St. Ewe	Auction	200	160-188	Yearling to solid mouth (per hd.)	50.00-75.00
Colorado	St. Ewe	Auction	426	135-155	Short term (per hd.)	28.00-32.00
Montana	St. Ewe	Direct	310		Yearlings (per hd.)	83.00
SOUTH CENTRAL						
Texas	Spring	Auction	600	100-125	Choice & prime, wooled	48.00-52.00
Kansas	Spring	Direct	250	110-120	Choice & prime, wooled, delivered	45.00
Texas	Feedlot	Direct	8000	110-125	Choice & prime, shorn, 51% yield guar.	48.00-50.00
Texas	Feedlot	Direct	2500	110-125	Choice & prime, shorn, FOB 4% shr.	46.00-49.00
Texas	Feeder	Direct	3000	75- 90	Choice & fancy, wooled, FOB 3% shr.	50.00-52.00
Texas	Feeder	Auction	200	40- 60	Choice & fancy, wooled	54.00-60.00
Texas	Feeder	Auction	950	60- 80	Choice & fancy, wooled	50.00-56.00
Texas	Feeder	Auction	1200	80- 90	Choice & fancy, wooled	50.00-54.00
Texas	Feeder	Auction	800	90-105	Choice & fancy, wooled	48.00-52.50
Texas	Sl. Ewe	Auction	500		Good	30.00-36.00
Texas	Sl. Ewe	Auction	2650		Utility	23.00-31.00
Texas	St. Ewe	Auction	350		Cull	16.00-23.00
Texas	St. Ewe	Auction	350	60- 70	Ewe lambs	57.00-65.00
Texas	St. Ewe	Auction	300	70- 80	Ewe lambs	56.00-63.00
NORTH CENTRAL						
Iowa	Spring	Computer	398	125	$.30 off over 130 lbs., $2 wooled disc., 3% shr.	46.75
Iowa	Spring	Auction	300	115-136	Choice & prime, wooled	49.00-51.25
Iowa	Spring	Auction	200	116-136	Choice & prime, shorn	47.50-49.60
Iowa	Spring	Auction	150	96-110	Choice & prime, wooled & shorn	41.00-46.75
IA-S.MN	Spring	Direct	1800	110-130	Choice & prime, shorn, FOB 4% shr.	44.00-50.00
IA-S.MN	Spring	Direct	2500	100-130	Choice & prime, wooled, FOB 4% shr.	42.00-49.00
Minnesota	Spring	Auction	1015	100-120	$.20 off over 120 lbs., $2 wooled disc.	43.00-47.00
Minnesota	Spring	Computer	389	125	$.30 off over 130 lbs., $2 wooled disc., 3% shr.	46.75
Nebraska	Spring	Auction	550	120-130	Discounts over & under 120-130 lbs., $2 wooled disc.	47.00-48.00
S. Dakota	Spring	Auction	2000	97-116	Choice & prime, shorn	45.50-49.90
S. Dakota	Spring	Auction	1055	117-137	Choice & prime, wooled	43.50-47.00
S. Dakota	Spring	Auction	754	102-114	Choice & prime, wooled	42.00-45.00
Wisconsin	Spring	Computer	1220	111-118	$.40 off over 130 lbs., $ 2 wooled disc., 3% shr.	48.50-51.50
Iowa	Feeder	Auction	400	53- 94	Choice & fancy, wooled	39.00-42.00
Minnesota	Feeder	Auction	1450	60- 90	Choice & fancy, wooled	45.00-50.00
S. Dakota	Feeder	Auction	600	60- 70	Choice & fancy, wooled	55.00-57.00
S. Dakota	Feeder	Auction	1000	70- 80	Choice & fancy, wooled	50.50-55.25
S. Dakota	Feeder	Auction	1272	80- 90	Choice & fancy, wooled	44.50-48.50
S. Dakota	Feeder	Auction	900	90-100	Choice & fancy, wooled	43.25-44.75
Minnesota	Sl. Ewe	Auction	300		Utility & good	15.00-18.00
S. Dakota	Sl. Ewe	Auction	1500		Utility & good	20.50-23.00
S. Dakota	St. Ewe	Auction	550		Short, solid (per hd.)	52.00-67.00
S. Dakota	St. Ewe	Auction	250		1-3 year olds (per hd.)	78.00-85.00
S. Dakota	St. Ewe	Auction	300		2-4 year olds (per hd.)	67.50-73.00
EASTERN						
Kentucky	Spring	Auction	728	110-130	$.20 off over 130 & under 100 lbs., $3-6 wooled disc.	46.00
Michigan	Spring	Auction	750	100-120	Choice & prime, $3 wooled disc.	44.00-49.00
Ohio	Spring	Auction	225	95-120	Choice & prime, $4 wooled disc.	53.00-57.00
Ohio	Spring	Pool	420	100-125	$.25 off over 125 lbs., $2 wooled disc.	50.50
Virginia	Spring	Auction	595	95-125	Choice & prime, wooled	45.00-48.00
Virginia	Feeder	Auction	300	70- 85	Choice & fancy, wooled	50.50-54.00
Michigan	Sl. Ewe	Auction	450		All grades	13.00-20.00

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FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER (Head)

	THIS WEEK (estimated)	% THIS WEEK vs LAST WEEK	% THIS WEEK vs LAST YEAR	WEEK ENDING 10/27/90 (actual)	TOTAL YEAR TO DATE	% 1990 vs 1989 TOTAL
SHEEP	109,000	+1.9	+0.8	110,676	4,912,000	+3.5
CATTLE	599,000	+0.7	-5.6	621,119	29,462,000	-1.8
CALF	35,000	+2.9	-14.5	36,056	1,575,000	-17.3
HOGS	1,741,000	+0.1	+8.4	1,624,025	74,424,000	-4.7

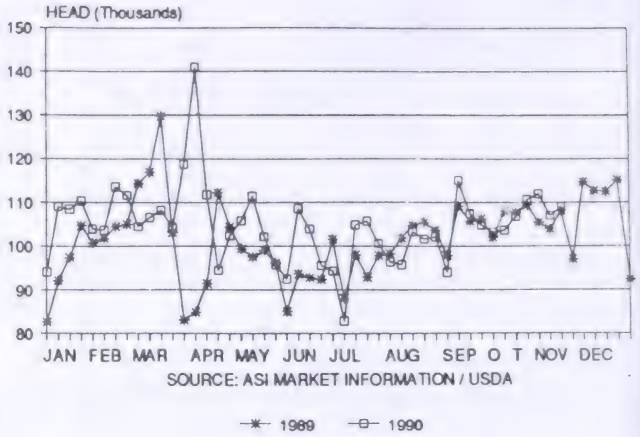
RED MEAT PRODUCTION (million pounds)

	THIS WEEK (estimated)	% THIS WEEK vs LAST WEEK	% THIS WEEK vs LAST YEAR	WEEK ENDING 10/20/90 (actual)	TOTAL YEAR TO DATE	% 1990 vs 1989 TOTAL
LAMB	6.8	+2.3	-4.0	6.7	307.1	+8.5
BEEF	414.9	+0.1	-4.8	433.4	19,700.1	+0.9
VEAL	6.7	+3.2	+11.4	6.6	265.8	-7.4
PORK	312.7	+0.1	-9.1	300.3	13,021.1	-1.6
TOTAL	741.0	+0.2	-6.5	747.0	33,294.0	-0.1

DRESSED WEIGHT		PERCENT LAMB SLAUGHTER	
THIS WEEK (EST.)	63	10/27/90	94.6
10/20/90 (ACT.)	64	10/28/89	93.9

AS OF NOVEMBER 16, 1990

AVERAGE WEEKLY F.I. SLAUGHTER



WHOLESALE LAMB MARKET

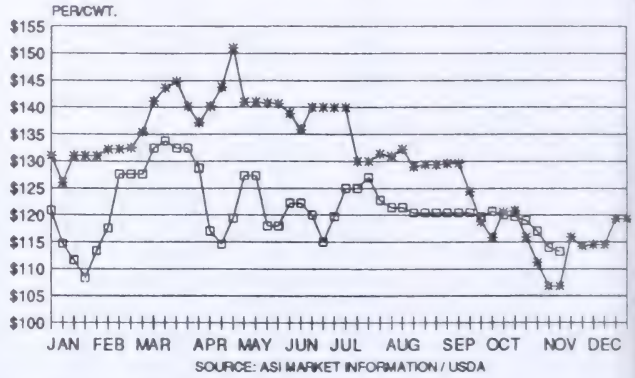
	55 lbs-down	55-65 lbs	65-75 lbs
NORTHEAST	$1.20	$1.15	$1.10
FOB RIVER	$1.15	$1.10	$1.05
LESS THAN CARLOT			
LOS ANGELES	$1.19*	$1.15**	$1.10
BAY AREA	$1.20*	$1.18**	$1.15

* 60 lbs. & down ** 60-65 lbs.

Wholesale carcass prices were steady across the board this week with the exception of 65-75 lb. carcasses in Los Angeles, Calif., which were down 1 cent. This same week a year ago, wholesale prices were lower on both Coasts. On the East Coast, carcasses heavier than 55 pounds were quoted 10 cents lower than this week. In Los Angeles, lights were higher by 3 cents while middle and heavy weights were quoted at $1.11. Middle weights in the Bay area were lower by 3 cents a year ago whole heavies were the same price and lights 5 cents higher. Even with wholesale prices better than a year ago, live prices continue to slump due mainly to sharply lower pelt values compared to a year ago.

EAST COAST WHOLESALE PRICE

WEIGHTED AVERAGE ALL WEIGHTS



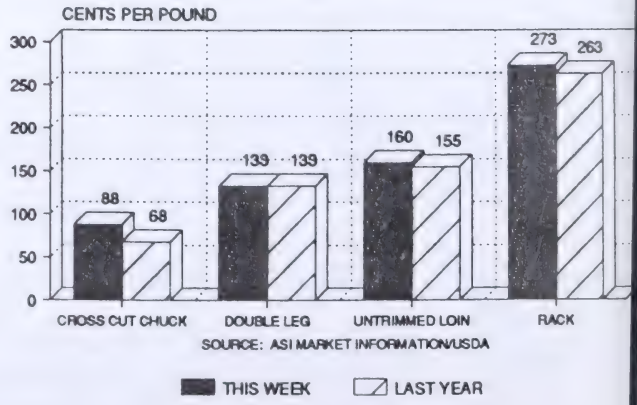
DISTRIBUTIVE CUT MARKET & RETAIL FEATURE ACTIVITY

Wholesale cut prices were steady to weak in the Northeast. Chucks and loins were steady to 5 cents lower in the Northeast while legs moved 5 cents higher racks were steady to 5 cents higher. On the West Coast, all categories remained steady except for 7 up racks, which moved 15 cents higher. In the Rocky Mountain region, movement is strong on shoulders is and is expected to be stronger next week. As is the case with wholesale prices, cut prices around the country are, for the most part, steady to higher compared to a year ago. The largest increase can be seen in chuck prices which are 15-20 cents better than the same week in 1989. Leg and loin prices are higher on the West Coast by as much as 30 cents while rack prices are higher by 10 cents compared to last year.

ITEM	NORTH-EAST	BAY AREA	LOS ANGELES	ROCKY MTN.
CHUCK CROSS CUT	$ .80-.95	No Quote	No Quote	No Quote
CHUCK SQUARE CUT	No Quote	$1.15*	$1.00-1.05*	$1.15*
SINGLE LEG	No Quote	$2.05*	$1.90-2.05*	$1.95*
DOUBLE LEG	$1.25-1.40	$1.69	$1.60-1.65	No Quote
LOIN	$1.45-1.75	$3.10*	$3.05-3.10*	$3.00*
RACK 7 UP	$2.60-2.85	$3.10	$2.85*	$2.95*
FORE SADDLE	No Quote	$1.29	$1.19-1.25	No Quote
HIND SADDLE	$1.35-1.50	$1.75	$1.55	No Quote

* Trimmed and/or vacuumed packed

EAST COAST CUT PRICES AVERAGE



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December 11	*Ponoka Sheep Producers Club. Newborn lamb care is critical. The first couple of days can make the difference in weaning a successful lamb crop. Some tips in getting lambs going will be discussed tonight. For further information contact John at 784-3511 or Brian at 783-7072.*
December 11	*Bred Ewe and Ewe Lamb Sale. 2 PM at Fort Macleod Auction. 1500-2000 head. Also included in the listings are complete dispersals of 1000 head of ewes and ewe lambs from three prominent southern Alberta sheep ranchers. For information contact George Bourassa at Fort Macleod Auction, 553-3315.*
December 18	*Rocky View Sheep Producers meeting in Airdrie Provincial Agricultural Building Seminar Room #1 at 7:00 P.M. All interested persons welcome. For more information call Joe at 948-3138 or Bill at 948-5773.*
December 29	*Monthly Sheep and Goat Sale at Camrose Auction Market, 672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. For further information contact S. Spahic, Box 89, Hay Lakes, TOB 1WO, phone 878-3784.*

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January 3	*North-Central Sheep Sales. Fat and Feeder lambs. Edmonton Public Stockyards. Deadline for sheep deliveries at all sales is 9:00 A.M. For additional information (sheep) contact Bruce McGhan, Box 739, Calmar, TOC OVO, phone 985-3744 or John Bolay (goats), RR #1, Westlock, TOG 2LO, phone 349-5203.*

January 7	*Mountain View Sheep Producers Association regular meeting. 7:30 PM. Olds College Riding Arena. Topic: Flock Health Management and Raising Orphan Lambs. Host: Jim Pearson. Guest Speaker: T.B.A. For more information call Jim at 224-3026 or Mike at 224-3743.*
January 8	*Ponoka Sheep Producers Club. What sheep diseases concern you? What can you do to manage these diseases? Tonights meeting will include a presentation on disease prevention and establishing a minimal disease flock. For further information contact John at 784-3511 or Brian at 783-7072.*
January 8	*Rocky View Sheep Producers meeting in Airdrie Provincial Agricultural Building Seminar Room #1 at 7:00 P.M. All interested persons welcome. For more information call Joe at 948-3138 or Bill at 948-5773.*
January 15	*Attention Smoky Lake and area sheep producers. An evening seminar will take place tonight at 7:30 P.M. at the D.A. office in Smoky Lake. Topics to be covered include lambing preparation and ewe and lamb nutrition. Everyone is welcome. For further information contact Don at 656-3613.*
January 17	*North-Central Sheep Sales. Fat and Feeder lambs. Edmonton Public Stockyards. Deadline for sheep deliveries at all sales is 9:00 A.M. For additional information (sheep) contact Bruce McGhan, Box 739, Calmar, TOC OVO, phone 985-3744 or John Bolay (goats), RR #1, Westlock, TOG 2LO, phone 349-5203.*
January 24	*Attention all Stony Plain and area sheep producers. An evening sheep seminar will take place tonight starting at 7:00 P.M. in the D.A. office in Stony Plain. All sheep producers are welcome to attend. For further information contact Ty at 963-6101.*
January 26	*Monthly Sheep and Goat Sale at Camrose Auction Market, 672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. For further information contact S. Spahic, Box 89, Hay Lakes, TOB 1WO, phone 878-3784.*

February 12	*Ponoka Sheep Producers Club. Do you know the rules that govern selling lamb off your farm? If you plan to develop new markets for your lamb, you must follow meat hygiene regulations. Tonights speaker will explain these rules and answer any questions that you may have. For further information contact John at 784-3511 or Brian at 783-7072.*
February 12	*Rocky View Sheep Producers meeting in Airdrie Provincial Agricultural Building Seminar Room #1 at 7:00 P.M. All interested persons welcome. For more information call Joe at 948-3138 or Bill at 948-5773.*
February 14	*North-Central Sheep Sales. Fat and Feeder lambs. Edmonton Public Stockyards. Deadline for sheep deliveries at all sales is 9:00 A.M. For additional information (sheep) contact Bruce McGhan, Box 739, Calmar, TOC OVO, phone 985-3744 or John Bolay (goats), RR #1, Westlock, TOG 2LO, phone 349-5203.*
February 23	*Monthly Sheep and Goat Sale at Camrose Auction Market, 672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. For further information contact S. Spahic, Box 89, Hay Lakes, TOB 1WO, phone 878-3784.*
March 14	*North-Central Sheep Sales. Fat and Feeder lambs. Easter Lamb Sale 40-60 lbs, Special Goat Sale. Edmonton Public Stockyards. Deadline for sheep deliveries at all sales is 9:00 A.M. For additional information (sheep) contact Bruce McGhan, Box 739, Calmar, TOC OVO, phone 985-3744 or John Bolay (goats), RR #1, Westlock, TOG 2LO, phone 349-5203.*
March 30	*Monthly Sheep and Goat Sale at Camrose Auction Market, 672-4496, Camrose at 3:00 P.M. For further information contact S. Spahic, Box 89, Hay Lakes, TOB 1WO, phone 878-3784.*

Your Opinion

November 14, 1990

Dear Sheep Footnotes:

We have been reading several letters to the Editor, in the past few months, regarding Romanov sheep. And we feel, as the first private flock of Romanovs in Canada (by having the highest tender bid at the first ever release in 1986), we feel we must comment on what has been written.

First, we were not really pleased with the comments made by Mr. Eric Bjergso, however we do think he was trying to speak on behalf of the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers Ltd. However, we do feel that his statements were far to broad and his arrogance was a bit much. The days when "wool" could pay the bills is long gone. Most producers will agree that their income from wool, is somewhere between zero and fifteen percent of their total income from the sheep operation. Mr. Bjergso now made it quite clear that "crossbred Romanov wool is quite marketable". It makes me think that if Mr. Bjergso had a chance to redo his initial press release he would have chosen his words differently.

The letter from our Romanov colleague, Lyle & Dolorse Bowles, may have been slightly exaggerated because of their enthusiasm for the Romanov breed. Or more likely, had used information from other sources, rather than personal experience. True the Romanov is capable of producing a 300% lamb crop, with twins, triplets and quadruplets being common. Singles and quintuplets are observed on occasion but we personally have never had one set of sextruplets and we have 310 individual lambings from our purebred Romanov. Our opinion differs from the Bowles when it comes to out of season breeding. We are presently in the final stages of an On-Farm Demonstration "Breeding Out of Season with Romanov Sheep". (We hope to have this information put in Sheep Footnotes when we are complete.) In short, we find that our Romanov have the ability to breed successfully 3 times in 24 months about 80% of the time. Our breeding times are: Aug/Sept, Mar/Apr and Nov. The success of breeding in Mar/Apr is the most difficult (from 75 to 100% success). We have only one experience with breeding in Jun/Jul, with one of five ewes lambing. The last thing I'm in disagreement with the Bowles' about is: "most Romanov breeders expect their ewes to raise four lambs unassisted". Our own Romanov can raise four lambs if we take care of them like a milk cow, 2-3 pounds of barley, supplements, alfalfa pellets or top quality dairy hay and especially a creep area for the lambs. Our present system is to leave only two lambs with our purebred ewes because we breed them back so soon.

And finally the letter from Bill Duffield from Ontario. The following comments can also be used to reply to Mr. Bjergso.

Does everyone want to have purebred sheep or need to have purebred sheep to make money in this business? Enough has been written and spoken about the benefits of crossbreeding. The halfbred Romanov lamb that grows as well as a purebred Suffolk. "Is the other Suffolk?" Who cares! The halfbred Romanov with halfbred anything grows as well as or better than the same sheep without the Romanov blood. What do you loose by doing this? Nothing! Mr. Bjergso stated that the crossbred Romanov wool is quite marketable. What do you gain? Lively, full of vitality lambs and more of them. And more lambs to sell. What else do you get? A halfbred ewe that will average better than twins, is a terrific mother and when bred back to a chosen terminal sire can give you fast gaining easy keeping lambs that we all need to have to pay the bills.

The Romanov is not the perfect sheep. But I think the Romanov crossbred ewe comes as close as any I am aware of. And if you are in sheep to make money we would hope you will have an open mind to the benefits of this unique breed of sheep, ROMANOV.

Tom & Nelda
Makowecki

Tom and Nelda Makowecki
Hi Lo Hills Romanov
"The Ewe Makers"
Box 30
Musidora, Alberta
TOB 3J0

P.S. In the 4 1/2 years since we got our original 8 ewes we have had a total of 310 lambings with 909 lambs born (293%) and 849 lambs weaned (273%) death loss 6.6%.

We have 136 purebred ewe to lamb in 1991.

MULTISPECIES GRAZING SYSTEMS

by

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INTRODUCTION

Multispecies grazing refers to the use of more than one species of large herbivore to graze a common forage resource. The grazers may be either domestic or wild and grazing by the different species of animals may occur at either the same time or at different seasons. Multispecies grazing is an old idea that has been reviewed extensively in recent years (Baker and Jones 1985, Nolan and Connolly 1977, Valentine 1990) and advocated since the turn of the century as method for improving the efficiency of range and pasture utilization (Jardine and Anderson 1919 cited by Cook 1954). Previous interest in multispecies grazing has generally focused on increasing carrying capacity and productivity. In the future each species of livestock will be evaluated on how its dietary habits and preferences affect land management goals. Thus livestock may be viewed as a tool to manipulate vegetation while simultaneously producing high quality food and fiber. This will be particularly true when grazing occurs on native vegetation or on public land. I will discuss the advantages and limitations of multispecies grazing and discuss some causes of the differences between single and multispecies grazing. Because intensive pasture systems are managed based on agronomic principles and range systems are managed based on ecological principles the benefits of multispecies grazing that are unique to each of these systems will be addressed.

Multispecies grazing was implemented long before the first livestock were domesticated. Natural ecosystems evolved via succession to be grazed by a variety of large herbivores. For instance, prior to settlement, the great plains of North America were grazed by bison, antelope, elk, and deer. A broad diversity of plants and animals is typical of natural ecosystems. This diversity results in a stable self perpetuating environment (Odum 1969).

NATURAL AND AGRICULTURAL ECOSYSTEMS

Before beginning a discussion of multispecies grazing it maybe profitable to understand the relationship between natural ecosystems and agricultural ecosystems. This digression is important because multispecies grazing can be viewed as using a tactic employed by natural systems to increase the sustainability and productivity of agricultural systems. Natural ecosystems are those ecosystems that are not managed and may range from an abandoned field to a wilderness area. Agricultural ecosystems are those ecosystems that are managed by using various cultural inputs to produce food and fiber. Agricultural systems may range from intensive row crop systems to extensive range grazing. The strategy of natural ecosystems is to perpetuate the complex of

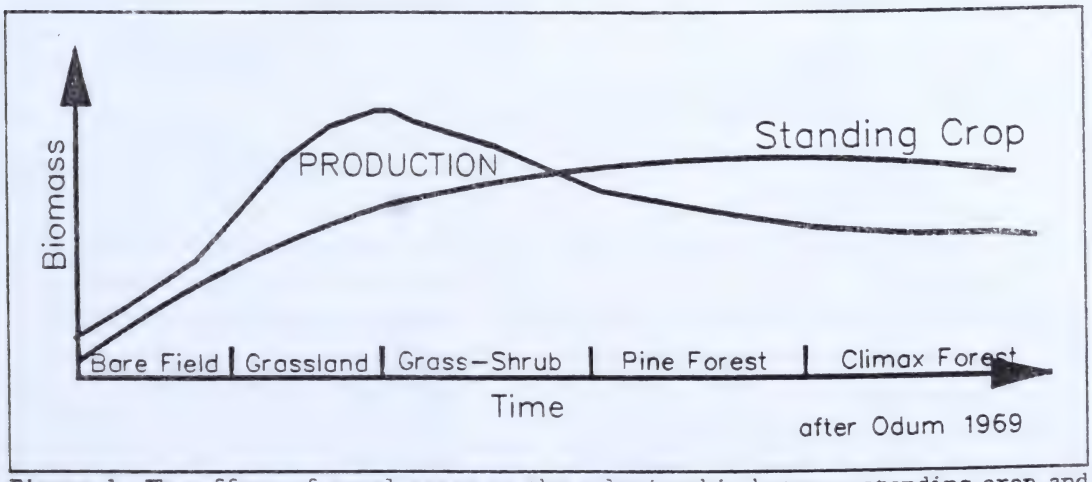

Figure 1. The effect of seral stage on the relationship between standing crop and production.

organisms present in the ecosystem. While the strategy of agricultural systems is to maximize production. It is important to understand the structural and functional differences between natural and agricultural ecosystems that are caused by these two different strategies. The goal of agriculture as now generally practiced, is to achieve high rates of production of readily harvestable products with little standing crop left to accumulate on the landscape - in other words, a high production/biomass efficiency (Fig. 1). Nature on the other hand tends toward a high biomass/production ratio (Odum 1969). Until recently agricultural systems have generally been preoccupied with obtaining as much production from the resource as possible, by developing and maintaining early successional types of ecosystems, usually monocultures. However,

current environmental concerns and multiple use demands on natural resources will dictate that agriculture become more diversified rather than maximize production. In the future, production will be optimized so that the productive and absorptive capacity of the environment are in balance.

MULTISPECIES PROS AND CONS

The following list of advantages and limitations to multispecies grazing has been compiled from many reports.

Advantages

1. Complementarity due to differences in plant preferences and grazing habits.
2. Maintain Desired balance between forage species.
3. Provide stability in grazing land ecosystems.
4. Provide diversity of income and more uniform cash flow.
5. Aid in the control of internal parasites.
6. Develop mutually beneficial interrelationships between animal species.
7. Maximize yield of animal products through greater ecological efficiency.
8. Sheep utilization of forage affected by cattle feces.
9. Elevate some plant species from weed to forage status.
10. Increase grazing capacity.
11. More uniform nutrient cycling.
12. Increase individual animal performance.
13. Reduced incidence of death from poisonous plants.

Limitations

1. Increase facility cost such as fencing, watering, and handling facilities.
2. Reduced Scale of enterprise may give reduced technological efficiency.
3. Conflicts in labor needs.
4. Increased management skills and knowledge.
5. Marketing made more complex.
6. Antisocial behavior between animal species in limited situations.
7. Differential suitability of climates to different animal species.
8. Uncertainty of proper replacement rates between species.
9. Inability of public land management agencies to allow flexibility in kind of livestock permitted to graze.

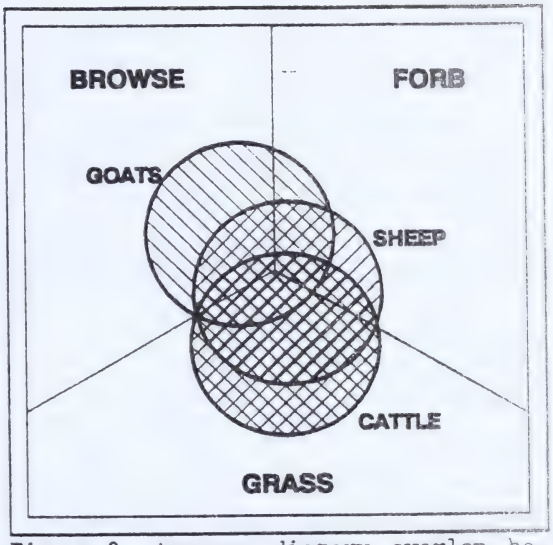

Figure 2. Average dietary overlap between cattle, sheep and goats.

Diet Selection. Most of the advantages attributed to multispecies grazing are a result of differences in dietary preferences and grazing habits. This results in complementary use of the vegetation in that each species of grazer consumes a portion of the vegetation not consumed by the other species in the system. Forage selected by a grazing animal is determined by a complex interaction of multiple factors including both animal and plant characteristics. Some obvious factors affecting animal diet selection include forage quality and availability, animal prehensile grazing ability, animal anatomy, secondary plant metabolites, topography, animal agility, physical plant properties and interspecific and intraspecific animal species competition.

Summarizing data from numerous studies on rangelands Van Dyne et al. 1980 concluded that on a yearlong basis sheep, cattle, and goats consume about 50, 70 and 30% grass; 30, 15 and 10% forbs; and 20, 15 and 60% browse, respectively (Fig. 2). However, there is wide fluctuation around these means caused by season and plant community. The dietary preferences of domestic livestock tend to correspond with those of native ungulates. Cattle, elk and bison are considered grazers; goats, pronghorn and deer are considered browsers; and sheep are considered intermediate feeders that seasonally use high amounts of forbs but can utilize large amounts of grass and browse (Valentine 1990). Dietary overlap between sheep and cattle ranges from around 30% during spring and summer to 70% in the fall and winter (Kirby et al. 1988, Squires 1982, Rector 1983).

On improved grass/legume pastures sheep may eat 3 times as much clover as cattle (Bedell 1968). However, Dudzinski and Arnold (1973) found that sheep only selected more clover than cattle when forage availability was low. This demonstrates that sheep are considered to be more competitive than cattle when forage is in short supply. The

degree with which sheep and cattle can selectively graze is in part determined by size of their mouth and prehensile ability of their lips and tongue.

Increased Carrying Capacity. A knowledge of the dietary habits and forage availability can be used to estimate potential increases in carrying capacity due to multispecies grazing. When dietary overlap is low potential increases are greatest. Cook (1954) estimated that by grazing sheep and cattle in combination on summer range in Utah carrying capacity could be increased 16% compared to cattle only grazing and 113% compare to sheep only grazing. The differences in potential increased carrying capacity relative to cattle only or sheep only were caused by the vegetation of the pastures being more suitable for sheep grazing. On rangelands increased carrying capacities of at least 20% are generally anticipated when sheep and cattle are grazed in common compared to grazing either species alone (Cook 1985, Glimp 1988). Carrying capacity on improved grass/legume pastures can be increased about 10% when sheep and cattle are grazed in common compared to grazing either species alone. This increase is primarily caused by sheep grazing dung patches avoided by cattle and to a lesser degree to more even distribution of fecal material that results in better nitrogen cycling (Nolan and Connolly 1977). The relative advantages caused by different dietary preferences are dependent upon the diversity of the plant community that is being grazed.

Another aspect of complementarity of grazing habits is the difference in preference for various types of landscapes by sheep and cattle. Sheep use rougher steeper terrain and prefer higher drier sites than cattle. These differences in habitat and dietary preferences have been used by the U.S. Sheep Experiment Station in cooperation with a local grazing association and the Targhee National Forest to decrease the impact of grazing on riparian areas while simultaneously increasing stocking rate about 20%. In this system a five pasture rest rotation cattle allotment was converted to a sheep and cattle allotment. Now rather than resting a pasture for a year of sheep use is rotated through the allotment. This sequence of grazing has resulted in dramatic improvement in the condition of the riparian area.

Individual Animal Performance

Grazing sheep and cattle in combination improves individual sheep performance in almost all instances and individual cattle performance in most reports (Nolan and Connolly 1977). When grazing pressure is high sheep are generally more competitive grazers than cattle and will maintain their performance at the expense of cattle

performance. However, on some native rangelands that have traditionally been grazed by sheep it has been suggested that cattle performance was not affected by stocking rate or combination grazing because the forage composition was dominated by grasses and there was no competition among cattle for their preferred forage (Walker et al. 1990). The effect of multispecies grazing on individual animal performance depends in part on the proportion of each livestock species in the mix. Performance of the livestock species that is providing the smallest proportion of the grazing pressure is usually better under mixed grazing than when that species is grazing alone.

Vegetation Manipulation. Long term grazing of rangelands or grass/legume pastures exclusively by one species of livestock will cause a shift in the composition of forage species. This will eventually result in the productivity and suitability of the pasture for the intended species to decline. Multispecies grazing can be used to reverse these trends (Bowns 1989, Byington 1985). Thus various kinds of livestock can be use to improve pasture for the species that is of primary concern. For instance goats are often used to control brush in order to increase grass production for cattle, the primary enterprise Taylor (1986). Sheep have been used to graze larkspur prior to cattle entering an area to reduce death losses to cattle. Cattle have been used to remove rank vegetation and encourage regrowth to benefit elk winter range (Anderson and Scherzinger 1975).

In addition to grazing different species, one to benefit the other, the grazing habits of different animals may be used to accomplish land management goals that are unrelated to subsequent grazing or forage production. Both sheep and cattle have been used in tree plantations to reduce competition from herbaceous vegetation and promote tree growth.

Economics of Multispecies Grazing. It is difficult to predict what the effect of multispecies versus single species grazing will be on net ranch income because this will be affected by the proportion of each kind of animal in the system and on the relative value of the products. However Meyer and Harvey (1985) stated that in New Zealand multispecies grazing results in the highest overall returns even though one species in the system may appear considerably less profitable than another. An economic analysis of multispecies grazing in Virginia indicated that by grazing sheep and cattle together at a ratio of one sheep per cow that stocking rates could be increased 20% and net income was increased 29% when steer prices were about 20% above lamb prices (Umberger et al. 1983). Other economic advantages of multispecies grazing

include improved cash flow caused by marketing various products at different times and reduced risk due to more diversified enterprise.

Conclusions

Despite the potential benefits of multispecies grazing it is not widely practiced. Factors that will inhibit the adoption of multispecies grazing will depend on species of livestock presently being grazed; geographic location; size of operation; and current level of enterprise diversification. Although inadequate knowledge and educational programs are often cited as the reason for this lack of adoption of multispecies grazing I believe a more important reason is that once producers have reached an acceptable standard of living that they are not primarily interested in maximizing total production. Rather, they may set new goals such as improvement of the genetic quality of their livestock or condition of the range. If multispecies grazing, a practice that has many potential environmental and production benefits is to gain acceptance then education will should be directed toward demonstrating how this technology can be used to meet management goals other than maximizing resource production. In the future the I believe the real benefit of multispecies grazing will prove to be its use as a tool for the land manager to use to manipulate the vegetation complex to obtain the land use goals for the entire operation.

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ALBERTA SHEEP & WOOL COMMISSION JOINS CODE OF PRACTICE COMMITTEE

The sheep industry, like any other livestock or poultry commodity is affected by the animal rights/welfare issue. This topic receives considerable media attention, much of it not factual but certainly sensational. In order to come to grips with this reality and to plan and formulate actions to deal with this issue, livestock and poultry organizations in Alberta have formed the " Alberta Code of Practice for Management of Livestock and Poultry Operations Committee ". This ad hoc committee which is chaired by Unifarm is composed of virtually every livestock, poultry and animal organization in the province. It also includes representatives from Alberta Agriculture, Agriculture Canada, Unifarm, and the Alberta Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. It is the intention of the Alberta committee to work closely and in conjunction with the national Expert Committee on Farm Welfare and Behaviour. One of the immediate areas of concern is for all organizations to establish a national code of practice for their specific commodities. The committee would also be keeping abreast of issues specific to Alberta and assist in resolving these issues between the various parties. One area of immediate concern, as stated by Alberta Agriculture, is a review of transportation practices for livestock.

It is not the intention of the committee to aggressively counter act any actions by extreme elements of the animal rights movement but to establish solid and realistic positions on the issues. The Alberta Sheep & Wool Commission representative on the committee is Morag Othen of Blueberry Mountain, Alberta, TOH OHO. If you wish to make any comments or have information on the animal rights/welfare movement or issues, feel free to contact Ms. Othen at the above address.

ALBERTA SHEEP INDUSTRY PRESENTS PROPOSAL TO MINISTER

BY Gerry Pittman
Chairman
Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission

On Oct. 16, 1990, the Alberta Sheep Industry represented by the Board of Directors of the Alberta Sheep & Wool Commission, the President of the Alberta Sheep Breeders Association Edith Williams, and the Chairman of the Lamb Feeders of Canada Association Floyd Williams formally met with the Honorable Ernie Isley Minister of Agriculture. Also in attendance were the Deputy Minister of Agriculture Ben McEwen and all the Assistant Deputy Ministers. This is the first time ever such a high level meeting has been held between the entire Alberta Sheep Industry and Alberta Agriculture. The Minister and his officials were presented with an overall outline of an Alberta Sheep Industry strategy plan.

The proposal covered a number of converging issues, concerns and opportunities that are all interrelated and that deal with virtually every aspect of sheep production, processing, and marketing in this province.

The proposal is the result of almost two years of planning and review by the Alberta Sheep & Wool Commission in determining the state of the sheep industry in this province, where it is going, what can be done, and what should be done to make our sheep industry a larger and more vibrant part of the Alberta Agricultural economy. The document is positive, innovative and ties together such issues as lamb promotion, marketing, stabilization, forestry grazing, feeder lamb imports, health, production, government co-operation, market access, and a number of other areas. It also places the opportunities of expansion of the Alberta Sheep Industry into context with other agricultural commodities, specifically the grain sector.

The initial response from the minister was very positive. He stated that he was pleased to see our commodity and its leadership take a positive step in determining their own future.

It is the intention of the Alberta Sheep & Wool Commission to pursue the Alberta Sheep Industry Strategy Proposal with other ministers that have an interest in the sheep industry. Myself and your directors are hopeful that we will be able to present to you the results of the presentation to the Minister at our upcoming annual zone meetings.

ALBERTA SHEEP AND WOOL COMMISSION CHECK-OFF

POLICY ON CONDEMNED AND DEAD ON ARRIVAL SHEEP

The present policy of the Alberta Sheep & Wool Commission in regards to sheep check-offs is that the $1.00 per head levy is to be paid on all sheep sold by sheep producers. It has come to our attention that there have been instances where the check-off has been deducted from sheep that were condemned or dead on arrival at marketing outlets in Alberta. The check-off policy applies only when an actual financial transaction has taken place, that is, when the sheep is sold. Since marketing outlets do not purchase condemned or dead on arrival sheep, the check-off is not liable on those animals. If this situation has occurred, a refund is available from the office of the Alberta Sheep & Wool Commission.

Kindly forward the original invoice or a clear copy to the Commission office whereupon a refund will be issued to you. Original invoices will be returned to you. Invoices may subject to verification.

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MORAG OTHEN APPOINTED NATIONAL COORDINATOR

The Canadian Sheep Federation has appointed Morag Othen of Blueberry Mountain, Alberta the National Coordinator to establish a Canadian Code of Practice for the Sheep Industry. Ms. Othen will coordinate past work done on the topic, review codes established in other countries and seek input from producers and organizations from across Canada. Ms. Othen is a director of the Alberta Sheep and Wool Commission and represents the sheep industry on the provincial Code of Practice committee. She has also written extensively on the topic in Sheep Canada Magazine.

CODE OF PRACTICE FOR SHEEP HUSBANDRY

- by Morag Othen
National Coordinator

Caring farmers have always wanted to see that all farm animals are treated properly. When a neighbor is not looking after his animals very well, we try to help - educate, encourage, and assist him to do better. But other than work done by the SPCA, little has been done in an organized fashion; efforts have been local and informal.

Animal Rights groups are putting pressure on us. They want us to quit keeping animals entirely. They point to cases of animal abuse to support their view. We need to shape up, to make sure that there are no cases of animal abuse for them to point to.

Animal Welfare groups are getting impatient, too. They don't want us to stop keeping animals, but they do want the abuses stopped. They are willing and eager to write up a code of required animal husbandry practices, and to make it legally binding.

This would be fine, except that the sole qualification many of them have is love for animals. Many of them don't actually know very much about some of the species involved. And their sole interest is in protecting animals; they are not particularly concerned whether the code is unduly restrictive for the farmer.

So - we farmers had better hustle and develop a code of practice of animal husbandry, before someone else inflicts one on us. We know best what our animals really need. Dog lovers, for example, are coming to see docking as an unnecessary infliction of pain that has been done for vanity. For dogs, it probably is. But for sheep, the agony of blowflies is a thousand times greater than the pain of docking. Different species have different needs.

We farmers and ranchers know the needs of our species uniquely well, and we find ways of meeting those needs which can be applied in a practical manner. The Canadian Sheep Federation has appointed me to oversee and coordinate the development of a Canadian code of practice for sheep. I know a fair amount about one very narrow aspect of sheep farming - raising Finns and Finn crosses on a mixed farm in northern Alberta. I have no experience with range flocks, with other climates, with other management situations or breed types. So don't leave it up to me.

I NEED YOUR INPUT. PLEASE WRITE.

I need your thoughts on:

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- WHAT SHOULD NOT BE REQUIRED
- WHO SHOULD ENFORCE IT
- WHAT THE SANCTIONS SHOULD BE FOR VIOLATION
- ANY OTHER IDEAS YOU MAY HAVE ON THE SUBJECT

Morag W. Othen - Box 40, Blueberry Mountain, Alberta TOH OHO

ALBERTA SHEEP & WOOL COMMISSION

1991 ANNUAL ZONE MEETINGS

ZONE #1	**FORT MACLEOD-PINCHER CREEK-CARDSTON-NANTON**
DATE:	**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 1991**
TIME:	7:00 PM
PLACE:	SCARLET & GOLD INN - FORT MACLEOD, ALBERTA
ZONE #2	**LETHBRIDGE-MEDICINE HAT-MILK RIVER**
DATE:	**THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 1991**
TIME:	7:00 PM
PLACE:	LETHBRIDGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, JAIL ROAD, LETHBRIDGE, ALBERTA
ZONE #3	**OLDS-CALGARY-BROOKS**
DATE:	**TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 1991**
TIME:	7:00 PM
PLACE:	WHEATLAND COUNTY INN - STRATHMORE, ALBERTA
ZONE #4	**WETASKIWIN-RED DEER-CORONATION-ROCKY MOUNTAIN**
DATE:	THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 1991
TIME:	7:00 PM
PLACE:	AGRICULTURE BUILDING - LACOMBE, ALBERTA (Director election scheduled)
ZONE #5	**WAINWRIGHT-VEGREVILLE-ST.PAUL-LLOYDMINSTER**
DATE:	**FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 1991**
TIME:	7:00 PM
PLACE:	BRUNSWICK MOTOR INN - VERMILION, ALBERTA
ZONE #6	**THORHILD-EDMONTON-DRAYTON VALLEY-WHITECOURT**
DATE:	**THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 1991**
TIME:	7:00 PM
PLACE:	PROVINCIAL BUILDING - STONY PLAIN, ALBERTA (Director election scheduled)
ZONE #7	**PEACE RIVER-VALLEYVIEW**
DATE:	**SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 1991**
TIME:	1:00 PM
PLACE:	COURTESY CORNER RESTAURANT - RYCROFT, ALBERTA

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2 YEAR old registered Finn ram - $250. Also selling 5 bred black ewes. All are healthy and have no trouble lambing - $70 each. Donna Leske, Rich Valley, 967-2080 (1)

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165 EWES, 50 ewe lambs, Suffolk cross with some Finn and some Rambouillet - $75 each. Ted Smith, Cowley, 628-2004 (1)

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1/2 MY flock. Your choice of 160 good, young, crossbred ewes. Suffolk rams were turned out on September 1st. Bill, Boyle, 689-2408 (1)

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